The Vienna Gambit ECO Chess Tables 2600+ Elo

C29 1.e4 e5 2.Nc3

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	. . . Nf6[1]	f4[2] d6[3]	Bc4[4] Be6	Bxe6 fxe6	fxe5 dxe5	Nf3 Nc6	d3 Bc5[5]
2	. . . . . .	. . . exf4	e5[6] Ng8[7]	Nf3[8] d6	Qe2[9] Qe7[10]	Nd5 Qd7	Nxc7+ Qxc7[11]
3	. . . . . .	. . . Nc6	Nf3 d6[12]	Bb5 Bg4[13]	h3[14] Bxf3	Qxf3 Nd7[15]	0-0 Nd4[16]
4	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	Bc4 Bg4[17]	h3 Bxf3	Qxf3 Nd4	Qd3 Be7[18]
5	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	fxe5 Nxe5	d4 Nc6[19]	e5 Ng8	Nf3 d6[20]	Bb5 Bd7[21]
6	. . . . . .	. . . d5	Qe2[22] Nc6[23]	Nf3 Bg4[24]	fxe5 Nd4[25]	Qd3 Bxf3[26]	Qxd4 Nxe4[27]

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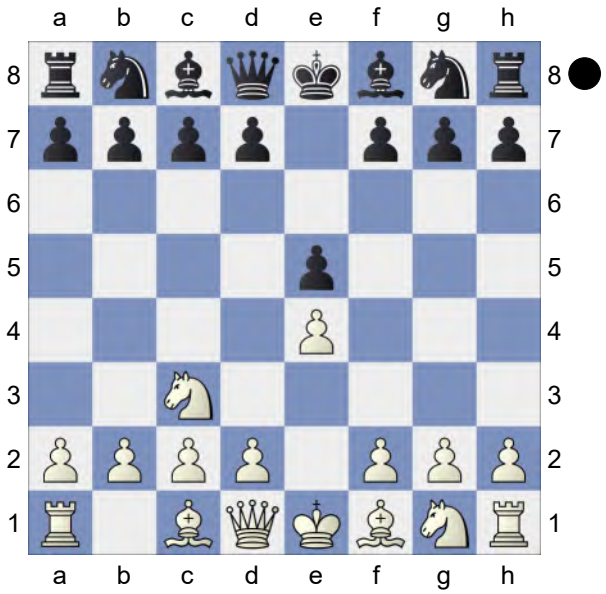

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6	. . . . . .	. . . d5	Qe2[22] Nc6[23]	Nf3 Bg4[24]	fxe5 Nd4[25]	Qd3 Bxf3[26]	Qxd4 Nxe4[27]
7	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	exd5 Nxd5	fxe5[28] Nxc3[29]	bxc3[30] Qh4+[31]	Ke2 Qe4+[32]	Kf2 Qxe5[33]
8	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . e4	Bc4[34] Bb4[35]	Nge2 0-0	a3 Ba5	0-0 Nbd7[36]

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9	. . .	. . .	. . .	d4[37]	Qe2+	Bxf4	Qd2
	. . .	. . .	exf4	Bb4[38]	Kf8[39]	Qxd5[40]	Qa5[41]
10	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bc4	Nf3[43]	0-0	d4[45]
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bd6[42]	0-0	c6[44]	b5[46]
11	. . .	. . .	fxe5	Qf3[47]	Nxe4[49]	Qxe4	Qf4[50]
	. . .	. . .	Nxe4	Be6[48]	dxe4	Bd5	Nc6[51]
12	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	bxc3[52]	d4	Bd3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nxc3	Nc6[53]	Na5[54]	Be6[55]
13	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb5[56]	bxc3[58]	Bxc6+
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nc6	Nxc3[57]	a6[59]	bxc6[60]
14	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	d4[61]	Bb5+	Nge2
	. . .	. . .	. . .	f5	c5[62]	Nc6	Be6[63]
15	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nf3	Bd3[65]	Qe2[67]	bxc3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb4[64]	Bf5[66]	Bxc3	0-0[68]
16	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Be2[69]	d4	Qd3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bg4	Nc6[70]	Bb4	0-0[71]
17	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bb5+[72]	d4[74]	Bxc6+
	. . .	. . .	. . .	c5	Nc6[73]	Qa5	bxc6[75]
18	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	d4[76]	Bd3	bxc3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Be7	0-0[77]	Nxc3[78]	c5[79]
19	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	d4[80]	Bd2[82]	Bd3[84]
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bc5	Bb4[81]	c5[83]	Nxd2[85]
20	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	d3[86]	bxc3	Be2[88]
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nc6	Nxc3	d4[87]	dxc3[89]
21	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	bxc3[90]	d4	Bd3
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nxc3	Be6[91]	c5	Nc6[92]
22	. . .	. . .	. . .	d3	bxc3	Nf3	Be2[95]
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nxc3[93]	d4[94]	dxc3	Qd5[96]

[1] **2...Nc6** 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3

[2] **3.Nf3** Nc6 see the chapter on the Four Knights Game.
For **3.g3** and 3 Bc4 see the games Krivec-Mikhalchishin and Cornette-Godena respectively.

[3] **3...Bb4** 4.fxe5 Bxc3 5.dxc3 Nxe4 6.Qg4 d5 7.Qxg7 Kd7
[7...Rf8 8.Bh6 Nd7 9.Nf3 1-0 (9) S_Ovsejevitsch (2717)-sherlock1888 (2618) Blitz 2022]
8.Bb5+ c6 9.Qxf7+ Qe7 10.Qxd5+ Kc7 11.Qxe4 cxb5 12.Bf4 Be6 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rhf8 15.Rd6 Rae8 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Kb8 18.d5 Bf5 19.Qb4 Rc8 20.Kb1 Rc4 21.Qxb5 Bxc2+ 22.Ka1 Rcxf4 23.Rc1 Bf5 24.a3 Qxe5 25.Rh6 Bg6 26.Rh3 Rd4 27.Qc5 Rd8 28.Rhc3 a6 29.Qb6 Qxd5 30.Rc7 Be4 31.g3 Rd1 32.R7c3 Rxc1+ 33.Rxc1 Rc8 34.Qe3 Rxc1+ 35.Qxc1 Qd3 36.g4 Bg6 37.h4 Qe4 38.Qd1 Bf7 39.h5 Qd5 40.Qxd5 Bxd5 41.g5 Bf7 42.h6 Bg6 43.b4 Kc7 44.Kb2 Kd6 45.Kc3 Kc6 46.a4 b6 47.Kd4 a5 48.bxa5 bxa5 49.Kc4 Kb6 50.Kd5 Kc7 51.Kc5 Kb7 52.Kb5 Ka7 53.Kxa5 Bd3 54.Kb4 Kb6 55.Kc3 Be2 56.Kb4 Bg4 57.a5+ Ka7 58.Ka4 Bf5 59.Kb4 Bg6 60.Kb5 Bf7 61.Kb4 Bg6 62.Kc5 Bf5 63.Kd6 Bg6 64.Ke5 Bf5 65.Kf6 Bg6 66.Kg7 Bd3 67.Kf6 Bc2 68.Ke5 Ka6 69.Kf4 Kxa5 70.g6 Bb1 71.g7 Bg6 72.Ke5 Bf7 73.Kf6 Bg8 74.Ke7 Kb6 75.Kf8 Kc6 76.Kxg8 Kd6 77.Kxh7 Ke6 78.g8Q+ Ke7 79.Qg7+ Ke6 80.Qg8+ Kd6 81.Qg6+ Ke5 82.Qg5+ Ke4 83.Qg4+ 1-0 (83) Aborigen100500 (2720)-Perrusky023 (2445) Rapid 2023

[4] **4.fxe5** dxe5 5.Nf3 Bc5
[5...Nc6 6.Bb5 Bc5 *(6...Bd6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0 Ba6 9.d3 0-0 10.Kh1 Re8 11.Qe1 h6 12.Nh4 Bc5 13.Nf5 Ng4 14.Qg3 h5 15.h3 g6 16.hxg4 gxf5 17.gxf5+ Kh7 18.Qh3 Rh8 19.f6 Bc8 20.Qxh5+ Kg8 21.Bh6 Be3* 0-1 (21) yoseph2013 (2703)-ArmandoZanella16 (2307) Blitz 2025 *)* 7.Qe2 Qd6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.d3 Rb8 10.Na4 Bg4 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 12.Qf2 Qxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Bxf3 14.Kxf3 Nd7 15.b3 Ke7 16.Be3 a6 17.g4 f6 18.Rhg1 h6 19.c3 Nf8 20.d4 Ne6 21.h4 Rbd8 22.Rad1 exd4 23.cxd4 Kf7 24.Rd2 Rd6 25.d5 cxd5 26.exd5 Nf8 27.Bf4 Rd7 28.Rc1 Ng6 29.Rxc7 Rxc7 30.Bxc7 Ke7 31.h5 Nf8 32.Ke4 Nh7 33.Bf4 Kd7 34.Kf5 Re8 35.Rc2 Nf8 36.Rc7+ Kd8 37.Rxg7 1-0 (37) ice2breaker (2746)-dont_blunder (2815) Blitz 2023]
[5...Nbd7 6.Bc4 Bc5 7.d3 h6 8.h3 0-0 9.Nh4 Re8 10.Nf5 Nb6 11.Bb3 Bxf5 12.exf5 e4 13.dxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxd8 Raxd8 0-1 (14) yoseph2013 (2726)-FranklinAPalomo (2575) Blitz 2022]
6.Bc4 Nc6 7.d3 a6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.0-0-0 Qd6 14.Rdf1 b5 15.g4 Bb4 16.g5 hxg5 17.Qxg5 Rad8 18.Rhg1 Rd7 19.Qg6 Nh7 20.Ne2 Bc5 21.Rh1 Be3+ 22.Kb1 Rdf7 23.Nh2 Bf2 24.Ng4 Bxh4 25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Nxf7+ Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Bf6 28.Rf1 Ne7 29.Qg4 Ng8 30.R1xf6 g5 31.Rxe6 Qc5 32.Rxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qh5+ Kg7 34.Qg6+ Kf8 35.Re8# 1-0 (35) AP-2804 (2768)-Lifetimelearner01 (2750) Blitz 2025

4.Nf3 exf4
[4...Nbd7 5.Bc4 Be7 *(5...h6 6.d4*

exd4 7.Qxd4 Nc5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.exd6 Bf6 11.Qe3+ Kf8 12.Ne5 Ne6 13.Nxf7 Bd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd8 Nb6 16.Bd3 cxd6 17.f5 Ke7 18.Ne6 Nxe6 19.fxe6 Bxe6 20.Be3 Nd5 21.Nxd5+ Bxd5 22.Rae1 Kd7 23.Bd4 Rhg8 24.Bb5+ 1-0 (24) Aborigen100500 (2705)-you_are_all_weak (2470) Rapid 2024*; 5...exf4 6.d4 Nb6 7.Bb3 d5* Breutigam,Martin: '?!' *8.Qe2 Be7 9.Bxf4 0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Rae1* Breutigam,Martin: ' ±' Breutigam, Martin: '1-0 (19) Short,N (2676)-Wismeijer,J (2083) Pattaya 2011' *)*

A) 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 c6 8.Kh1

A1) 8...b5 9.Bb3 Qc7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Ba2 exf4 *(11...a5 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.d4)* 12.Bxf4 a5 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5↑;

A2) 8...Qc7

A2a) 9.Qe1 exf4 *(9...b5 10.Bb3 Nc5 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Qg3)* 10.Bxf4 Ne5 11.Bb3 Nh5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 *(12...Nxf4? 13.Nxf7 Ne6 14.Qf2 Bf6 15.Ng5±)* 13.Be3 Qd6 14.Qf2 Be6 15.Ne2 *(15.Bxa7 c5∞)* 15...Bxb3 16.axb3 a6 17.Qf3 Qg6 *(17...Nf6 18.g4 Rad8 19.Ng3↑)* 18.Ra5 Bd6 19.g4 Nf6 20.h3 Rae8 21.Ng3 Nd7 22.Nf5 Bc7 23.Raa1 f6 24.h4 h6 25.h5 Qh7 26.Nh4 Rf7 27.Ng6 Nf8 28.Qf5 Ne6 29.Kg2 Rd7 30.Rad1 Rdd8 31.c3 c5 32.Rf2 Kf7 *(32...b6 33.Rfd2 Nf8 34.d4 exd4 35.cxd4 cxd4 36.Rxd4 Rxd4 37.Rxd4 Be5 38.Rd7± Nxd7? 39.Qxd7+-)* 33.Nxe5+ Kg8 34.Ng6 Kf7 35.Bxc5 Nxc5 36.Qxc5 Bb8 37.Rf5 Rxe4 38.dxe4 Rxd1 39.Qe7+ 1-0 (39) Horvath,T (2410)-Novak,A Balaton 1996 EXT 99 [Bangiev];

A2b) 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.a3 h6 11.Nh4 Re8 12.Nf5 Nb6 13.Ba2 Be6 14.Qf3 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Qd7 16.Qg6 Nbd5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Nxd5 1-0 (18) Aborigen100500 (2723)-givemycrown (2620) Rapid 2024;

B) 6.d4 0-0 7.0-0 exd4 8.Nxd4 c6 9.Nf5 Nc5 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qe8 14.Re1 Qd8 15.Qd6 Ne6 16.Bg3 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qxb2 18.Qd2 Rd8 19.Qe3 Qxc2 20.Rac1 Qd2 21.Qf3 Qg5 22.Rcd1 Bd7 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Nc5 25.Qh4 Qxh4 26.Bxh4 Re8 27.Be7 Be6 28.Bxc5 Bxc4 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Bxa7 Bxa2 31.Kg1 Bd5 32.Kf2 b5 33.Bc5 f6 34.Ra1 Kf7 35.g3 Kg6 36.Rc1 Ra8 37.Rc2 Ra4 38.h4 b4 39.Rb2 b3 40.Ke3 Rc4 41.Bf8 Kf7 42.Bd6 Re4+ 43.Kd3 Ke6 44.Bc7 Re1 45.Kd2 Rh1 46.Ke3 Kf5 47.Bb8 Kg4 48.Bc7 Rg1 49.Bb8 g5 50.hxg5 fxg5 51.Kd4 h5 52.Kc3 Rxg3+ 53.Bxg3 Kxg3 54.Kd2 h4 55.Ke1 h3 0-1 (55) Aborigen100500 (2729)-masterSH (2558) Rapid 2023]

[4...Bg4 5.h3 *(5.Bc4 h6 6.fxe5 Nh5 7.0-0 Nf4 8.d4 a6 9.Bxf4 Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.Ng5 Bxd1 12.Nxf7 Qe7 13.Raxd1 Rh7 14.Nxd6+ Kd7 15.Nd5 Qh4 16.Nb6+ Ke7 17.Nf5+ Ke8 18.Nxh4 g5 19.Nxa8 gxf4*

20.Rxf4 Bd6 21.e5 Bb4 22.c3 Ba5 23.Ng6 Bd8 24.Be6 Bg5 25.Rf8# 1-0 (25) Pirs,M (2538)-Witt,M (1478) www.remoteschach.de 2011*)* 5...Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nbd7 7.Bc4 *(7.d3 c6 8.Bd2 h6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Be2 b5 11.Rdf1 b4 12.Nd1 Qa5 13.Kb1 d5 14.Ne3 exf4 15.Nf5 g5 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.g3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Ne5 19.Qg2 Rad8 20.Be1 f3 21.Bxf3 Nxe4 22.Qe2 Nc3+ 23.bxc3 bxc3 24.Ka1 Rb8 25.Bd5 f6 26.Qf2 Rhf8 27.Bb3 Rbd8 28.Qe2 Qb5 29.Qh5 a5 30.Bxc3 a4 31.Qxh6 axb3 32.cxb3 Qc5 33.Bb2 Rd2 34.Rc1 Qd6 35.Rhe1 Rd5 36.Kb1 c5 37.g4 Kd7 38.Bxe5 fxe5 39.Qxg5 Rf2 40.Qg7+ Kc6 41.Qa7 Qg6+ 42.Ka1 Qd3 43.Qa4+* ½-½ (43) Da Silva,F (2420)-Nicolau,L (2479) ICCF (CADAP email) 2002 *)* 7...c6 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 b5 11.Ba2 a5 12.Ne2 b4 13.g4 exf4 14.Bxf4 bxa3 15.bxa3 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 Rc8 19.Ra2 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Nc5 21.Be3 Rcd8 22.Qf3 Qe6 23.Bxc5 Bxc5 24.c4 Qb6 25.Nf4 Qb3 26.Raa1 Bd4 27.Rae1 Qxa3 28.Nd5 Qc5 29.Qe4 g6 30.Rf4 Bg7 31.Qe7 Qxe7 32.Rxe7 Ra8 33.Nb6 Rad8 34.Nd7 Rfe8 35.Rxe8+ Rxe8 36.c5 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Rc1 38.Rc4 Rxc4 39.dxc4 Bf8 40.Nf6+ Kh8 41.c6 Bd6 42.Ne8 1-0 (42) Zhang Pengxiang (2636)-Nguyen Ngoc Truongson (2534) Singapore SIN 2006]

5.d4 Nc6

[5...Nh5 6.Be2]

6.Bxf4 Bg4 7.Bb5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Qxd5 Be7 13.Qc6+ Kf8 14.0-0 dxe5 15.Bxe5 f6 16.c3 Bd6 17.Rae1 Rb8 18.b4 Rb6 19.Qc4 Qd7 20.Re3 Qf7 21.Qe2 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Re6 23.exf6 Rxf6 24.Ref3 h6 25.Qe5 1-0 (25) Aborigen100500 (2736)-BenTrieX (2534) Rapid 2023

4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.b3 Qd7 10.Bb2 0-0-0 11.Qxa7 b6 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.0-0-0 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Rhe1 Bb7 16.Nb5 Bf6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qa4 Kb8 19.Re3 Rhe8 20.Rc3 Bc6 21.Qa7+ Kc8 22.Rxd6 cxd6 23.Qa8# 1-0 (23) Rivuza (2719)-BrianShaw (2674) Blitz 2021

[5] **9.Na4** Bb6 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Qd6 14.Kh1 Nh5 15.Nd2 Nf4 16.Nc4 Qc5 17.Bf2 Qb5 18.a4 Rxa4 19.Rxa4 Qxa4 20.Bg3 Qb5 21.h4 Qc5 22.Qg4 h5 23.Qg5 b5 24.Nxe5 Qxe5 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Rxf4 Nf7 27.Kg1 Ra8 28.Rf1 c6 29.Kf2 Ra2 30.Rb1 Kf8 31.Ke3 Ke7 32.Kd4 b6 33.Bc7 c5+ 34.Kc3 Ra6 35.Rf1 e5 36.Rf5 g6 37.Rf1 Ke6 38.Kb3 Nh6 39.Rf8 Ng4 40.Rg8 Kd7 41.Rg7+ Kc6 42.Bd8 c4+ 43.dxc4 bxc4+ 44.Kb4 Ra2 45.Kc3 b5 46.Rxg6+ Kd7 47.Bg5 Nf2 48.Kb4 Rxb2+ 49.Kc5 Nxe4+ 50.Kd5 Nxg5 51.hxg5 Rxc2 52.Rg7+ Kc8 53.Ke6 Rxg2 54.g6 c3 55.Rg8+ Kb7 56.Rg7+ Kb6 0-1 (56) Polyclinical (2811)-AAlmeidaTX (2581) Blitz 2023

[6] **4.d4** d5

[4...Bb4 5.Bd3 d5 *(5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.Nf3 Re8 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bd2 Nc6 10.0-0 d6 11.exd6 cxd6 12.Re1 Rxe1+ 13.Qxe1 Bg4 14.Qe4 g6 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qb5 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.c4 d5 19.Bxf4 dxc4 20.Be4 c3 21.d5 Ra4 22.dxc6*

bxc6 23.Re1 Rxa2 24.Be5 Bf5 25.Bxc6 Rxc2 26.Bf6 h5 27.Re8+ 1-0 (27) Pirs,M (2538)-Henkel,U (1627) www.remoteschach.de 2008*)* 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bxe4 dxe4 8.Bxf4 Nc6 9.Nge2 Bg4 10.Be3 Bxe2 11.Kxe2 Qh4 12.g3 Qg4+ 13.Kf2 Qf5+ 14.Kg2 0-0-0 15.Rf1 Qg6 16.Ne2 Nxe5 17.c3 Ng4 18.Bg1 Bd6 19.Nf4 Bxf4 20.Rxf4 f5 21.Qa4 Kb8 22.Raf1 Rhf8 23.d5 a6 24.Qxe4 fxe4 25.Rxf8 Kc8 0-1 (25) yoseph2013 (2791)-tamojerry (2732) Blitz 2024]

5.e5 Ne4 6.Bxf4 Bb4 7.Qf3 h5 8.h3 g5 9.Bc1 g4 10.hxg4 Nc6 11.Bb5 Rg8 12.gxh5 Bg4 13.Qd3 Qd7 14.h6 Bf5 15.Qe3 Bh7 16.a3 Rg3 17.Nf3 Ba5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Ne2 Rxg2 20.Nf4 Rxc2 21.Bd3 Rc3 22.Bb2 Rb3 23.0-0-0 Nxb4 24.axb4 Qa4 25.Qe2 Nc3 26.Qc2 Na2+ 27.Kd2 Nxb4 28.Bxh7 Nxc2 29.Bxc2 Qb4+ 30.Kc1 Rxb2 31.Nxd5 Qa3 32.Nf6+ Ke7 33.Ng5 Ba5 34.Rd3 Qa1+ 0-1 (34) Artoo (2797)-Glebyss (2645) Blitz 2022

4.Nf3 d5

[4...Nh5 5.d4 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne2 c6 9.Nxf4 Nxf4 10.Bxf4 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.c3 Re8 14.h3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Na5 16.Ne5 f6 17.Nf3 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Bh6 Bf5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfe1 Be4 22.Nh2 Qc6 23.Ng4 h5 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Nxf6 Re6 28.Rf1 Ke7 29.d5 Qb6+ 30.Kh1 Re2 31.Qh7+ Kd6 32.Ne4+ Rxe4 33.Qxe4 1-0 (33) AnonymousGMplayer (2754)-RL12 (2573) Blitz 2021]

5.e5 Ne4

[5...Nh5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Be2 g5 8.0-0 h6 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxh5 Be6 11.Bg4 Qd7 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Nb5 0-0-0 14.c3 f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qg4+ Kb8 17.a4 a6 18.Na3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Na5 20.b4 Nc4 21.Ra2 Nd6 22.a5 Ne4 23.Bd2 Rh4 24.Qf3 Rdh8 25.h3 Qe6 26.Be1 R4h7 27.Re2 g4 28.Qxf4 gxh3 29.Qe5 Qg4 0-1 (29) titanshahmat2003 (2735)-jeromeovich (2574) Blitz 2025]

6.d3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Nc6 8.Bxf4 Bg4 9.d4 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 f6 12.Qe1 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 fxe5 14.dxe5 Bg5 15.Bg3 Rxf3 16.gxf3 Qe7 17.f4 Bh6 18.Qe2 Rf8 19.Rf1 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qxc3 21.Qg4 Qd4 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.f5 Bg5 24.f6 gxf6 25.Qd7 f5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Qxf5 Qe4+ 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.e6 e3 30.Bxc7 Kg8 31.c3 Ne7 32.Bf4 e2 33.Rg1 e1Q 34.Rxe1 Bxf4 35.Rf1 Bd6 36.Rf7 Bc5 37.Kg2 a5 38.Kf3 a4 39.Ke4 b5 40.Ke5 b4 41.cxb4 Bxb4 42.Rf3 a3 43.Rb3 Kg7 44.Rxb4 Nc6+ 45.Kd6 Nxb4 46.e7 Nxa2 47.e8Q Nb4 48.Qe5+ Kf7 49.Qf4+ Kg7 50.Qxb4 a2 51.Qb2+ 1-0 (51) yoseph2013 (2776)-satranc777 (2595) Blitz 2024

7 **4...Qe7** Breutigam,Martin: '?!' 5.Qe2

[5.d4 d6 6.Bxf4 dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Qe2 Nh5 10.Bg5 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Qxe7+ Bxe7 13.Bh6 Bb4 14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 0-0-0 16.Bc4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Rde1 Nf4 19.g3 Ng6 20.Bf7 Bc6 21.Rhf1 Rd6 22.Bg7 Rhd8 23.c4 b6 24.h4 e4 25.h5 Ne7 26.Bf6 R8d7 27.Be8 Rd8 28.Bxe7 Rxe8 29.Bxd6 cxd6 30.Rf7 e3 31.Rxh7 e2 32.Rf7 1-0 (32) Chess-Network (2731)-Kerryxyn (2717) Blitz 2023]

5...Ng8 6.Nf3 Breutigam,Martin: '±'

[6.d4 c6 7.Bxf4 d5 8.exd6 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Bf5 10.0-0-0 Kd7 11.d5 c5 12.Bb5+ Kd8 13.Nf3 a6 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 f6 16.Re1 g5 17.Bg3 h5 18.h3 Nh6 19.Ne4 Nf5 20.Nxf6 Bg7 21.Be5 Nxd6 22.Nxg5 Bh6 23.Bf4 Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Kc7 25.Bf4 Rd8 26.Re6 a5 27.Bxd6+ 1-0 (27) Qay13 (2700)-BillyKimbahh (2702) Blitz 2023]

6...c6

[6...Nc6 7.d4 d6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.exd6+ 1-0 (9) Aborigen100500 (2711)-ajedrezsinlimites (2613) Blitz 2022]

7.d4 d5 8.Bxf4 Be6 9.0-0-0 Nd7 10.Ng5 g6 11.h4 Nh6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.g4 Nf7 14.Qe3 0-0-0 15.a3 Kb8 16.Kb1 Rc8 17.Be2 Qe8 18.g5 Be7 19.Bg4 Nd8 20.h5 a6 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Rh6 c5 23.Rxh8 Qxh8 24.Nxd5 cxd4 25.Qxd4 Bc5 26.Qa4 Nxe5 27.Nf6 Ndc6 28.Bxe6 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Nd7+ Ka8 31.Bxe5 Nxe5 32.Nxe5 Qxg5 33.Qe8+ Ka7 34.Nd7 Bd6 35.Bb3 Qf4 36.Ka2 g5 37.Bd5 Qd4 38.Qe4 Qxe4 39.Bxe4 b5 40.Bg2 g4 41.Nf6 g3 42.Ne4 Be5 43.Kb3 Kb6 44.c4 Kc7 45.cxb5 axb5 46.a4 bxa4+ 47.Kxa4 Bxb2 48.Nxg3 Be5 49.Ne4 Bh2 50.Kb3 Kd7 51.Kc4 Ke6 52.Kd3 Ke5 53.Bf1 Kf4 54.Be2 Ke5 55.Bd1 Bf4 56.Bc2 Bh6 57.Bd1 Kf4 58.Bc2 Kf3 59.Bd1+ Kg2 60.Bc2 Kf3 61.Bb3 Kg2 62.Bc4 Kf3 63.Bd5 Kg2 64.Bc4 Bf4 65.Bd5 Kf3 66.Bc4 Kg2 ½-½ (68) Aborigen100500 (2744)-miz63 (2703) Blitz 2022

4...Bc5 5.Nf3 Ng4 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bxf4 0-0 8.Bd3 d6 9.exd6 cxd6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Kh1 Nf6 12.Bg5 Bg4 13.Nd5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxd4 15.Qh3 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Qxh6 Re8 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Bg6+ Kg8 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qxf7# 1-0 (22) satlan (2725)-konyalisatrancci4200 (2537) Blitz 2024

[8] **5.d4** d5

[5...Qh4+ 6.Ke2 g5 7.Nf3 Qh5 8.Kf2 g4 9.Ne1 g3+ 10.Kg1 Qxd1 11.Nxd1 Nc6 12.c3 Nxe5 13.Bxf4 gxh2+ 14.Rxh2 Ng4 15.Rh3 d6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.c4 N4f6 18.Re3 d5 19.Nc3 0-0-0 20.c5 Ng4 21.Re2 Bg7 22.Nf3 a6 23.b4 Ne7 24.b5 a5 25.b6 c6 26.Rae1 Rd7 27.a4 Nf5 28.Bxf5 Bxf5 29.Ne5 Nxe5 30.Bxe5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Be6 32.Ne2 Re7 33.Nf4 Kd7 34.Kf2 Ree8 35.Rh1 Reg8 36.Rh6 Re8 37.Nh5 Ke7 38.Nf6 Ref8 39.g4 Rd8 40.g5 Rdf8 41.Kg3 Rd8 42.Kf4 Rdf8 43.Re1 Rd8 44.Reh1 Bc8 45.Nxh7 Be6 46.Ke5 Rdg8 47.Kf4 Rg6 48.Rxg6 fxg6 49.Rh6 Kf7 50.Ke5 Bf5 51.Nf6 Rxh6 52.gxh6 Bc2 53.Nxd5 Bxa4 54.h7 Kg7 55.Nc3 Kh8 56.Nxa4 g5 57.d5 g4 58.Kf4 g3 59.Kxg3 cxd5 60.c6 d4 61.cxb7 d3 62.b8Q+ Kxh7 63.Qd6 Kg8 64.Qxd3 Kf7 65.b7 Ke7 66.b8Q 1-0 (66) shootingstar10 (2732)-Letsgo_Torch (2440) Blitz 2025]

6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Bxf4 Ng6 8.Bg3 Be7 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.h4 h5 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.Qf2 Nb4 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.a3 Nc6 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.Ne2 Rf5 17.Nf4 Kh7 18.Rde1 Qf8 19.Qe3 Qf7 20.e6 Qf6 21.Ng5+ Rxg5 22.hxg5 Qxd4 23.Qxd4 Nxd4 24.Nxd5 Bxg5+ 25.Kb1 Nxe6 26.Rxe6 Bxe6 27.Nxc7 Rc8 28.Nxe6 Bf6 29.Rd1 Rc6 30.Nf8+ Kg8 31.Nxg6 Bxb2 32.Ne7+ 1-0 (32) satlan (2745)-SmirnovAleksey (2552) Blitz 2024

5.Bc4 Qh4+ 6.Kf1 Ne7 7.d4 a6 8.Nf3 Qh6 9.Ne2 g5 10.h4 Rg8 11.Kg1 gxh4 12.Nxf4 Qg7 13.Nxh4 1-0 (13) Pedersen,S (2423)-Happonen,R (1854) ICCF 2007

[9] **6.d4** dxe5 7.Qe2
[7.dxe5 Qxd1+ 8.Nxd1 Nc6 9.Bxf4 Be6 10.Bb5 Nge7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Nc3 h6 13.Rad1 Rxd1 14.Rxd1 a6 15.Ba4 g5 16.Bg3 Bg7 17.h3 Rd8 18.Re1 Nf5 19.Bxc6 Nxg3 20.Be4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rd5 22.Nc3 Rc5 23.Re2 Bf5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Kf2 b5 26.a3 a5 27.Rd2 Bxe5 28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.Nd5 Re6 30.Ne3 Re4 31.c3 a4 32.Nd5 c6 33.Ne3 Kc7 34.Kf3 Rf4+ 35.Kg3 Be4 36.Re2 Rf3+ 37.Kh2 Bd3 38.Re1 Rf2+ 39.Kg3 Rxb2 40.h4 Rb3 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Nd1 Bc4 43.Re7+ Kb6 44.Re5 Rxa3 45.Rxg5 Be2 46.Ne3 Rxc3 47.Kf4 a3 48.Rg8 Bd3 49.Ra8 Bb1 50.Nd1 Rc4+ 51.Ke3 a2 52.Nb2 Rb4 53.Nd1 Ra4 54.Rb8+ Kc7 55.Rf8 a1Q 56.Rxf7+ Kb6 57.Rd7 Qe5+ 58.Kf2 Ra2+ 59.Kf3 Ra3+ 60.Kf2 Qg3+ 61.Ke2 Qxg4+ 62.Kd2 Qxd7+ 63.Kc1 Rc3+ 64.Nxc3 Qd3 65.Nxb1 b4 66.Kb2 b3 67.Kc1 Qc2# 0-1 (67) WorldChessPoker (2748)-StoqnOrlinovStoqnov (2604) Blitz 2021]
[7.Nxe5 Bd6 8.Bxf4 Nf6 9.Bc4 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Kh1 h6 14.Bh4 Ng4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qf3 Nxh2 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Qxf7+ Qxf7 19.Rxf7 Kxf7 20.Kxh2 Bf5 21.Rf1 Ke6 22.Rf2 Rd8 23.Ne2 g5 24.c3 Bd3 25.Nc1 Bc4 26.b3 Ba6 27.Ne2 Rd5 28.c4 Rf5 29.d5+ Ke5 30.Rxf5+ Kxf5 31.Nd4+ 1-0 (31) schmollie (2727)-viratTheRoss (2799) Rapid 2022]
7...Bb4 8.Bxf4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Ne7 10.Qxe5 0-0 11.Qxc7 Qe8 12.0-0-0 Nd5 13.Qe5 Nxc3 14.Qxe8 Rxe8 15.Rd2 Nxa2+ 16.Kb2 Nb4 17.Bc4 Be6 18.Re1 Nd7 19.d5 Bf5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Nd4 Be4 22.d6 a6 23.Re2 Nf6 24.Bg5 Bc6 25.Rf2 Bd5 26.Kc3 Ne4+ 27.Kxb4 Bxc4 28.d7 Rf8 29.d8Q Rxd8 30.Bxd8 Nxf2 31.Kxc4 Ng4 32.h3 Ne3+ 33.Kc5 b5 34.g3 Nf1 35.Bc7 Nd2 36.Kb6 b4 37.Kxa6 f5 38.Kb5 g5 39.Kxb4 h5 40.Nxf5 1-0 (40) kira523 (2824)-NoRolex (2826) Blitz 2022

[10] **6...Be6** 7.d4 dxe5 8.d5 Bxd5 9.Qxe5+ Ne7 10.Bxf4 Nbc6 11.Qe3 Be6 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.Bb5 a6 14.Ba4 Ng6 15.Qe4 Bd6 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Qxc6+ Bd7 18.Qe4+ Be6 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.Qa4+ Bd7 21.Qd4 0-0 22.0-0 Bc6 23.Rf2 Qb7 24.b3 Rad8 25.Nd5 h6 26.c4 Rfe8 27.h3 a5 28.Ne3 Be4 29.Qc3 Qb6 30.Nd4 Nh4 31.Rdf1 Rd7 32.Re1 Re5 33.Ng4 Bxg2 34.Nxe5 dxe5 35.Nf5 Nxf5 36.Kxg2 ½-½ (36) Nichols,S (2406)-Enev,Z (2330) LSS 2020

[11] **9.exd6+** Qe7 10.dxe7 Bxe7 11.d4 Nc6 12.Bxf4 Nf6 13.Qc4 0-0 14.0-0-0 Rd8 15.d5 Na5 16.Qb5 b6 17.Bc7 Rf8 18.d6 Bd8 19.Ne5 Bxc7 20.dxc7 1-0 (20) Dr_VictorBlane (2863)-Copium_XQC (2526) Rapid 2024

[12] **4...Bb4** 5.fxe5 Ng4 6.d4 0-0 7.h3 Nh6 8.Bxh6 f6 9.Bc4+ Kh8 10.Be3 fxe5 11.dxe5 h6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qd2 d6 14.Bxh6 dxe5 15.Qxd8 Bxd8

16.Be3 Na5 17.Nxe5 Kh7 18.Rxf8 Bf6 19.Bg8+ Kh8 20.Ng6# 1-0 (20) Pirs,M (2538)-Heineccius,A (1559) www.remoteschach.de 2011

[13] **5...Bd7** 6.d3

[6.0-0

A) 6...exf4 7.d4 Be7 8.Bxf4 0-0 9.h3 a6 10.Bd3 Nb4 *(10...Re8 11.a3 g6 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.Bg5 Bg7 14.Rae1 Qb8 15.Kh2 b5 16.d5 Na5 17.b4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Ng1 Nh5 20.g4 Be5+ 21.Kg2 Ng7 22.Nf3 f6 23.Nxe5 fxe5 24.Rf6 a5 25.Ref1 axb4 26.Rf7 bxc3 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Bf6+ Kg8 29.Qh6 Re7 30.Bxe7 Qe8 31.Bf6 Qf7 32.Bxe5 Qe7 33.Bxc3 Rxa3 34.Rf3 c6 35.Bg7 Rxf3* 0-1 (35) Aborigen100500 (2714)-mmsanchezchess (2668) Blitz 2022 *)* 11.Be2 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.a3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nc6 15.Bd3 f6 16.Qe2 Be8 17.Rae1 Bg6 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.e6 g5 20.Bh2 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.h4 g4 23.Nh2 f5 24.Qd3 Ne7 25.Re5 Rf6 26.Rfe1 Qxa3 27.Nf1 Qd6 28.Ng3 Raf8 29.Nh5 Rh6 30.Nf4 Rxh4 31.c4 dxc4 32.Qxc4 c6 33.d5 g5 34.dxc6 gxf4 35.Qxf4 Kg7 36.Qg5+ Ng6 37.e7 Re8 38.Re6 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qf4+ 40.Qxf4 Nxf4 41.R6e5 Rh1+ 42.Kf2 Rxe1 43.Kxe1 bxc6 44.Kf2 Kf6 45.Rc5 Rxe7 46.Rxc6+ Re6 47.Rc8 Re2+ 48.Kg3 Nxg2 49.Rc6+ Kg5 50.Rc8 f4+ 51.Kh2 Ne3+ 52.Kg1 Kh4 53.Rg8 Kg3 0-1 (53) Aborigen100500 (2727)-Rakhmanov,A (2640) Blitz 2022;

B) 6...Be7 7.d3 exf4 8.Bxf4 0-0 9.Kh1 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Nd5 Nxb3 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.axb3 Ng4 15.Qe1 Ne5 16.Nd4 Ng6 17.Qg3 f6 18.h3 a5 19.Bd2 a4 20.b4 c5 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.Rxf5 Ne5 23.h4 Kh8 24.h5 h6 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.Bf4 Nf7 27.Rd5 Rfd8 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Qg4 Ra8 30.Qf5 b4 31.Qd5 Ra5 32.Qc6 a3 33.bxa3 bxa3 34.Ra2 Qa7 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Bd2 Rb5 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Bf4 c4 40.Qxc4 Rxh5+ 41.Bh2 Qb8 42.e5 Qxe5 43.Qe4+ Qxe4 44.dxe4 Ra5 45.Bc7 Ra7 46.Bb6 Ra6 47.Bc5 Ng5 48.Rxa3 Rxa3 49.Bxa3 Nxe4 50.c4 Kg6 51.c5 Nxc5 52.Bxc5 Kf7 53.Kh2 Ke6 54.Bd4 Kd5 55.Bb2 Ke4 56.Ba3 Kf5 57.Bf8 Kg6 58.Be7 h5 59.Bd8 Kf7 60.Bc7 Kg6 61.Bb6 Kf7 62.Bd4 g5 63.Bc3 Kg6 64.Kg3 f5 65.Kf2 f4 66.Kf3 Kf5 67.Kf2 g4 68.Bd2 Ke4 69.Ke1 Kf5 70.Kf1 Ke4 71.Kg1 Kf5 72.Kf1 Kg6 73.Bc1 Kf5 74.Kf2 f3 75.Kg1 fxg2 76.Be3 Kg6 77.Bf2 Kf5 78.Bh4 Kf4 79.Kxg2 Kf5 80.Kf2 Kg6 81.Kg3 Kf5 82.Bg5 Ke6 0-1 (82) WorldChessPoker (2739)-Parwis (2565) Blitz 2021]

6...exf4

[6...Nd4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.Ne2 c5 10.0-0 Be7 11.c3 dxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.d4 Nf6 14.Ng3 Re8 15.e5 Nd7 16.Nf5 dxe5 17.Qg4 g6 18.fxe5 Bf8 19.Bg5 Qb6 20.Nd6 f5 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6 Bxd6 23.Qd7 Re7 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Rf7 26.Rf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Rf8+ 28.Ke2 cxd4 29.cxd4 Kg7 30.Rd7+ Rf7 31.Rxf7+ Kxf7 32.d5 Ke8 33.Kd3 Kd7 34.Kd4 1-0 (34) Soderberg,K (2412)-Talvitie Erkki]

7.Bxf4 a6 8.Bxc6
[8.Ba4 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Bh6 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rf2 Nxb3 15.axb3 Re8 16.h3 h6 17.Raf1 Nh5 18.Nd4 Rf8 19.Qe3 c5 20.Nde2 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.g4 Nf4 23.Nxf4 gxf4 24.Rxf4 Be6 25.Rf6 Rh8 26.Kg2 b4 27.Nd5 a5 28.Nc7 1-0 (28) Felix_Kuznetsov (2721)-ffl0 (2625) Blitz 2023]
[8.Bc4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb8 13.Nd4 Nbd7 14.Nf5 Re8 15.Qf3 Bf8 16.Qh3 Ne5 17.Bb3 Ng6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Nxh6+ gxh6 20.Bxf6 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxh6 Qe5 23.Qh3 Re7 24.Qf3 Qxb2 25.Qg4 Rae8 26.h4 Qg7 27.Rab1 Re2 28.h5 Nh4 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Kh6 32.Rh1 Nf5 33.c3 Ng7 34.Bd1 Re5 35.Bf3 b6 36.g4 f5 37.g5+ Kxg5 38.h6 1-0 (38) squat2depth (2708)-sabke (2585) Blitz 2021]
8...bxc6 9.h3 Rb8 10.b3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nh5 13.Bh2 Bf6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 g6 16.Ne4 Bg7 17.Rae1 Re8 18.Nxf7 Qh4 19.Bxc7 Rb7 20.Bh2 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Bf5 22.Nfd6 Bxe4 23.dxe4 Ng3+ 24.Bxg3 Qxg3 25.Qc4+ Kg7 26.Nxe8+ Kh6 27.Qxd4 1-0 (27) DravenJarvan (2767)-BLITZ16 (2535) Rapid 2021
5...exf4 6.d4 Bd7
[6...a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Bxf4 Be7 *(8...Rb8 9.0-0 Rxb2 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Ng5 Be6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qf3 Bg7 16.Bh6 Qd7 17.Bxg7 Qxg7 18.Qc3 Rb6 19.Rf6 dxe5 20.dxe5 Qd7 21.Raf1 Qc6 22.Qf3 Qxc2 23.Rf7 Rb1 24.h3 Rxf1+ 25.Qxf1 Qc5+ 26.Kh1 Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Qxa6 Kf7 29.a4 Qc5 30.Qf1+ Ke7 31.Qf6+ Kd7 32.Qf7+ Qe7 33.Qf1 c6 34.a5 Kc7 35.Qf2 c5 36.Qb2 Kc8 37.Qb6 d4 38.a6 Qc7 39.Qxe6+ Kb8 40.Qd6 d3 41.a7+* 1-0 (41) S_Ovsejevitsch (2725)-Muratt_Chess (2571) Blitz 2022*)* 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd2 *(10.h3 Bb7 11.Qd3 h6 12.Rae1 c5 13.dxc5 d5 14.b4 dxe4 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.Nd2 Rd4 17.a3 a5 18.Be3 Rd7 19.Nc4 axb4 20.axb4 Rb8 21.b5 Bd5 22.Ne5 Rdd8 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Nc6 Re8 25.c4 Rd3 26.Nxe7+ Rxe7 27.c6 Rc3 28.Bc5 Re6 29.Rc1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Nh5 31.Rd1 Nf4 32.Be3 Nd3 33.Ra1 f5 34.b6 cxb6 35.Ra8+ Kh7 36.c7 f4 37.c8Q Rg6 38.Qg8#* 1-0 (38) Aborigen100500 (2725)-dragon202012 (2591) Rapid 2024*)* 10...Rb8 11.Rab1 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qd3 Bg6 14.Qxa6 Rb6 15.Qe2 Qa8 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.exd6 Bxd6 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.a3 Rc8 21.Rfc1 Rcb8 22.Re1 h6 23.b3 Qxa3 24.Ra1 Qb2 25.Ra7 Qxc2 26.Qxc2 Bxc2 27.Ree7 Rf8 28.Nd2 Bxb3 29.Rab7 Rxb7 30.Rxb7 Bc4 31.Rd7 Ra8 32.Rxd6 Ra2 33.Nxc4 dxc4 34.Rc6 Rc2 35.d5 Rd2 36.Rxc4 Rxd5 37.Kf1 g5 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.g4 Rd3 40.Kg2 Kg6 41.Rc6+ f6 42.Rc2 h5 43.Rc4 h4 44.Rc2 Rg3+ 45.Kh2 Ra3 46.Rf2 Kf7 47.Re2 Ra5 48.Rf2 Re5 49.Rd2 Ke6 50.Rf2 Rd5 51.Re2+ Kd6 52.Rf2 Ke5 53.Re2+ Kd4 54.Rf2 Rd6 55.Rd2+ Ke5 56.Re2+ Kf4 57.Rf2+ Ke3 58.Rf5 Rd2+ 59.Kg1 Rd1+ 60.Kg2 Rd2+ 61.Kg1 Rd6 62.Kg2 Ke4 63.Kh2 Rd2+ 64.Kg1 Rd3 65.Kg2 Rg3+ 66.Kh2 Rf3 67.Ra5 Rf2+ 68.Kg1 Rf3 69.Kg2

Rg3+ 70.Kh2 Rf3 71.Ra4+ Ke5 72.Ra6 f5 73.Ra5+ Ke4 74.Ra4+ Kd5 75.Ra5+ Ke6 76.Ra6+ Kd7 77.gxf5 Rf2+ 78.Kg1 Rxf5 79.Kg2 Ke7 80.Ra7+ Kf6 81.Ra6+ Kg7 82.Ra4 Kg6 83.Ra6+ Rf6 84.Ra4 Re6 85.Ra5 Kf6 86.Kh2 Re5 87.Ra4 Kf5 88.Ra2 Re4 89.Rf2+ Ke5 90.Rg2 Kf6 91.Rf2+ Rf4 92.Rg2 Kf5 93.Kg1 Rf3 94.Kh2 Kf4 95.Rc2 Re3 96.Rc4+ Re4 97.Rc2 Kf3 98.Rg2 Re2 99.Rxe2 Kxe2 100.Kg2 Ke3 101.Kg1 Kf3 102.Kh2 Kf2 103.Kh1 Kg3 104.Kg1 Kxh3 105.Kf2 g4 106.Kg1 g3 107.Kh1 Kg4 108.Kg1 h3 0-1 (108) Lav_eli_mi_kri1920 (2745)-caissaisabelle (2823) Blitz 2021]
7.Bxf4 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.h3 Nb4 10.Be2 Bc6 11.a3 1-0 (11) Aborigen100500 (2766)-Kajtek777 (2424) Rapid 2023

[14] **6.0-0** a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 exf4 10.d4 Be7 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qxc6+ Kf8 13.dxe5 Nh5 14.Bxf4 Qd4+ 15.Kh2 Rb8 16.Qxc7 Qb6 17.Qxb6 Rxb6 18.Be3 Rxb2 19.Rab1 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 g5 21.Nd5 Bd8 22.Rb8 Kg7 23.g4 Nf4 24.Nxf4 gxf4 25.Bd4 f6 26.exf6+ Kf7 27.Kg2 h5 28.g5 h4 29.Kf3 Re8 30.Rb7+ Kg6 31.Kg4 1-0 (31) Aborigen100500 (2725)-emandr (2476) Rapid 2024

[15] **7...Be7** 8.d3 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 exf4 11.Bxf4 d5 12.e5 Nd7 13.Ne2 Nc5 14.Nd4 Qd7 15.Qg3 f6 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Nf5 Bf8 18.Bxg7 Rxg7 19.Nxg7 Qxg7 20.Qxg7+ Bxg7 21.exf6 Bh6 22.Rae1 Bf8 23.Re8 1-0 (23) Aborigen100500 (2741)-Plex4j (2708) Blitz 2022

[16] **9.Bxd7+** Qxd7 10.Qd3 0-0-0 11.a4 f5 12.exf5 c5 13.a5 Qc6 14.a6 b6 15.Ne2 c4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qxd4 d5 18.Kh2 Bc5 19.Qxg7 Rhg8 20.Qxh7 d4 21.Qb7+ Qxb7 22.axb7+ Kxb7 23.d3 Rgf8 24.g4 cxd3 25.cxd3 Rde8 26.Kg2 Re2+ 27.Rf2 Re1 28.b4 Bxb4 29.Bb2 Re3 30.Bxd4 Rxd3 31.Bg7 Rf7 32.f6 Bc3 33.Ra3 b5 34.g5 b4 35.g6 Rxf6 36.Bxf6 bxa3 37.g7 1-0 (37) ARM__55555 (2775)-GIBHELLA2 (2346) Rapid 2022

[17] **5...Be7** 6.0-0
[6.d3
A) 6...Bg4 7.h3 *(7.0-0 Nd4 8.f5 g6 9.fxg6 hxg6 10.Bg5 Nxf3+ 11.Rxf3 Qd7 12.Qf1 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qg4 14.Qe3 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxg5 16.Qf2 0-0-0 17.Qxa7 Qh4 18.h3 Qg3 19.Bb5 c6 20.Bxc6 Be3+ 21.Nxe3 bxc6 22.Nc4 Rxh3 23.Nb6#* 1-0 (23) ARM__55555 (2719)-Statham_13 (2526) Rapid 2022 *)* 7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nd4 9.Qf2 h6 10.Be3 Nh5 11.0-0-0 Nxf4 12.Bxf4 b5 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.Bxe5+ Ke8 15.Bxd4 1-0 (15) Alexsur81 (2760)-canc3111 (2577) Blitz 2023;
B) 6...0-0 7.f5 Na5 8.Bb3 Nxb3 9.axb3 c6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.g4 Nxg4 12.Rg1 Nf6 13.Qg2 Ne8 14.Bh6 Bf6 15.h4 Kh8 16.Bg5 Rg8 17.h5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 Nf6 20.Qh2 Bd7 21.0-0-0 a5 22.Rg3 Nh7 23.Rdg1 f6 24.Nh4 Be8 25.Ng6+ Bxg6 26.hxg6 Nf8 27.Kd2 d5 28.exd5 cxd5 29.Nxd5 Qd6 30.Nc3 e4 31.Nxe4 Qf4+ 32.Kd1 Rd8 33.Rh3 Qxh2 34.Rxh2 Nd7 35.Nd6 Ne5 36.Nf7+ Nxf7 37.gxf7

Rgf8 38.Kd2 Rxf7 39.Rf2 Rd5 40.Rf4 Rfd7 41.Rgf1 b6 42.R1f3 Re5 43.d4 Re8 44.Kd3 Kg8 45.c4 Re1 46.d5 Kf7 47.Re3 Rxe3+ 48.Kxe3 Ke7 49.Re4+ Kd8 50.Kd3 Re7 51.Rg4 Kd7 52.Kd4 Kd6 53.Rg2 h5 54.Rh2 Re1 55.Rxh5 Rd1+ 56.Kc3 Rg1 57.Rh8 Rg5 58.Re8 Rxf5 59.Re6+ Kc7 60.Rc6+ Kb7 61.Re6 g5 62.b4 axb4+ 63.Kxb4 Rf1 64.Kb5 g4 65.Re7+ Kc8 66.Kc6 Kd8 67.d6 Rc1 68.b3 g3 69.Rg7 Ke8 70.d7+ Kf8 71.Rxg3 Rd1 72.Re3 Rxd7 73.Kxd7 Kf7 74.Re6 f5 75.Rxb6 f4 76.Ra6 f3 77.Ra1 f2 78.Rf1 Kg7 79.Rxf2 Kg8 80.Rf6 Kg7 81.Ke7 Kh7 82.Kf7 Kh8 83.Rh6# 1-0 (83) Alexsur81 (2764)-canc3111 (2575) Blitz 2023]

[6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 0-0 9.Be3 c6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Be2 a5 12.Bf3 b4 13.Na4 Be6 14.Nb6 c5 15.Qd2 Qxb6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxa8 exf4 18.Bxf4 Rxa8 19.Be5 a4 20.Rhf1 c4 21.Qg5 a3 22.Rxf6 axb2+ 23.Kb1 Qa5 24.a4 Qxa4 25.Bxb2 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Qxb2+ 27.Kxb2 Bxf6+ 0-1 (27) Takacsbl (2723)-Drin-Bajraktari (2689) Blitz 2021]

6...exf4 7.d4 0-0 8.Bxf4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qh5 12.d5 Nb4 13.a3 Na6 14.Ne5 Qxd1 15.Raxd1 Bd6 16.Nb5 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Bf5 18.Nd3 Bxd3 19.Rxd3 Rfe8 20.Nxc7 Nxc7 21.Bxc7 f6 22.d6 Rec8 23.d7 Rxc7 24.d8Q+ Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Kf7 26.Rfd1 Be7 27.R8d2 Rc6 28.Re2 Rc7 29.c3 a6 30.Red2 b5 31.Rd7 Rc6 32.Re1 Re6 33.Rxe6 Kxe6 34.Ra7 1-0 (34) DmDonCh (2785)-pmlmail (2612) Blitz 2022

[18] **9.0-0** 0-0 10.Ne2 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 exf4

[11...c6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.d3 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nc5 17.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 18.Kh1 Ra7 19.Rf5 Qe8 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Bd5 Kh8 22.Raf1 f6 23.g4 a4 24.h4 b4 25.g5 Be7 26.Kg2 a3 27.bxa3 bxa3 28.Ba2 Ra6 29.Kg3 Rb6 30.Bc4 Rb2 31.h5 fxg5 32.Rxf8+ Bxf8 33.Qf3 Rb8 34.c3 Be7 35.Qg4 Qc8 36.Qf3 g4 37.Qf7 Qe8 38.Kxg4 Qxf7 39.Rxf7 Bf8 40.Ra7 g6 41.hxg6 hxg6 42.Kg5 Rb6 43.Bf7 Rc6 44.Bxg6 Rxc3 45.Bf5 Rxd3 46.Kf6 Rd6+ 47.Kf7 Rd8 48.Ra6 Bg7 49.Rxa3 Rf8+ 50.Ke7 Rf6 51.Ra8+ 1-0 (51) Alexsur81 (2722)-Alexandr_Khlebovich (2570) Blitz 2018]

12.d3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bxf4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 c6 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Qxe7 Bxe7 18.Rae1 Rae8 19.d4 Bf6 20.c3 Nc7 21.g4 h6 22.Kg2 Re2+ 23.Rxe2 1-0 (23) Alexsur81 (2887)-TheSzef (2551) Blitz 2020

[19] **5...Ng6** 6.e5 Ng8 7.Nf3

[7.Qe2 c5 *(7...Bb4 8.Nf3 N8e7 9.g3 d6 10.Qb5+ Nc6 11.d5 a6 12.Qa4 b5 13.Bxb5 axb5 14.Qxa8 Ncxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.0-0 0-0 17.Be3 Qe7 18.Qa7 Nc4 19.Bd4 Bh3 20.Rae1 Qd7 21.Rf4 h6 22.Qb7 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Re4 Qd7 25.Qxb5 Qxb5 26.Nxb5 Bf5 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Nxc7 Bxc2 29.Nb5* 1-0 (29) Aborigen100500 (2708)-CampoCaligne (2641) Blitz 2021*)* 8.d5 Qe7 9.Nb5 Kd8 10.Nf3 f6 11.Nc7 Rb8 12.d6 Qf7 13.Ng5 fxg5

14.Bxg5+ N8e7 15.Nb5 Qe6 16.0-0-0 Qxe5 17.Qd2 h6 18.dxe7+ Bxe7 19.Bxe7+ Qxe7 20.Bc4 Qg5 21.Nd6 Qxd2+ 22.Rxd2 Ne5 23.Bb3 Rf8 24.Re1 Nc6 25.c3 b5 26.Red1 Kc7 27.Nxc8 Rbxc8 28.Rxd7+ Kb6 29.Rxg7 c4 30.Bc2 Rf2 31.Rg6 Ka5 32.Be4 Ne5 33.Re6 Nd3+ 34.Rxd3 cxd3 35.Bb7 d2+ 36.Kd1 Rf1+ 37.Kxd2 Rd8+ 38.Ke2 b4 39.Kxf1 bxc3 40.bxc3 Rd2 41.Re2 Rd3 42.Bf3 Rxc3 43.Kf2 Kb4 44.h3 a5 45.h4 a4 46.h5 Rc5 47.Kg3 a3 48.Kh3 Kc3 49.Re4 Kb2 50.Re2+ Kc3 51.Kg3 Kb4 52.Rf2 Rc3 53.Kh3 Rc5 54.g4 Rc2 55.Kg3 Rxf2 56.Kxf2 Kc3 57.Bd5 Kb2 58.Bb3 Kc3 59.Kf3 Kd4 60.g5 Kc3 61.Kg4 Kd2 62.gxh6 Kc3 63.h7 Kd2 64.h8Q Kc1 65.Qg8 Kd2 66.Qf8 Ke1 67.Qe8+ Kf2 68.Qd8 Kg1 69.Qc8 Kh2 70.Qb8+ Kg1 71.Qb7 Kh2 72.Qb6 Kh1 73.Qb5 Kh2 74.Qb4 Kh1 75.Qxa3 Kh2 76.Qb4 Kh1 77.Qb5 Kh2 78.Qb6 Kh1 79.Qc6+ Kh2 80.Qd6+ Kh1 81.Qe6 Kh2 82.Qe5+ Kh1 83.Qf5 Kh2 84.Qg5 Kh1 85.Qg6 Kh2 86.Qf6 Kh1 87.Qg7 Kh2 88.Qg8 Kh1 89.Qf8 Kh2 90.Qe8 Kh1 91.Qd8 Kg2 92.Qd7 Kh2 93.Qd6+ Kh1 ½-½ (93) Aborigen100500 (2732)-daubon (2729) Blitz 2022]

7...d6

[7...Bb4 8.Bc4 d5 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.0-0 Be6 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nf6 12.Qe2+ Ne7 13.a4 0-0 14.Ba3 Qc6 15.Qxe7 Be6 16.Ne5 Qe8 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qxf8+ Qxf8 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.a5 Rd8 21.a6 b6 22.Nc6 Ra8 23.Rae1 Re8 24.c4 h6 25.d5 exd5 26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Nxa7 d4 28.Nc6 Nd6 29.a7 Nxc4 30.a8Q+* 1-0 (30) Richter,W (2443)-Santos,P (1950) www.remoteschach.de 2011 *)* 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.c4 a6 14.Qa4 0-0-0 15.Qxb4 axb5 16.cxb5 Nf6 17.a4 Nd5 18.Qb3 e5 19.a5 Qa7 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.b6 Qa6 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Re8 24.e6 Rd6 25.Rac1 Qxa5 26.bxc7 Rdxe6 27.Ra1 Qb6+ 28.Qxb6 Nxb6 29.Rf7 h6 30.Bd8 g5 31.Raf1 Rc6 32.Rh7 Nd5 33.h3 Nf4 34.Ra1 Ra6 35.Rxa6 bxa6 36.Rxh6 Re2 37.Rxa6 Rxg2+ 38.Kf1 Rc2 39.Ra8+ Kd7 40.Bxg5 Ne6 41.c8Q+ Rxc8 42.Rxc8 Kxc8 43.Be3 Ng7 44.Ke2 Kd7 45.Kd3 Ke6 46.Ke4 Nf5 47.Bf4 Ne7 48.b4 Nd5 49.Bd2 Nf6+ 50.Kd4 Nd7 51.b5 Kf5 52.Kd5 Nb6+ 53.Kc6 Nc4 54.b6 Ne5+ 55.Kc7 1-0 (55) bancsoo (2733)-ie1 (2724) Blitz 2024]

8.Bc4

[8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxe7 N8xe7 10.Bc4 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 d5 13.Bd3 Bf5 14.Bxf5 Nxf5 15.Qd3 Ng3 16.Rf2 c6 17.Nh2 Qh4 18.Rf3 Ne4 19.Raf1 Rae8 20.Ng4 Ng5 21.Rf5 Ne7 22.R5f4 Qh5 23.Qg3 Ng6 24.Rf5 h6 25.Kh2 Qh4 26.Qd3 Ne7 27.R5f4 Qh5 28.Qg3 Ng6 29.Rf5 Qh4 30.Qe3 f6 31.Ne2 fxe5 32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.Rxf8+ Nxf8 34.Nxe5 Qe1 35.Ng4 Nfe6 36.Qe5 h5 0-1 (36) Smirnov,P (2728)-FantasmaDeLaLucila (2865) Blitz 2022]

8...dxe5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Ng5 Qxd4+ 11.Qxd4 exd4 12.Nb5 Bd6 13.Nxf7 Kd7 14.Nbxd6 cxd6 15.Nxh8 Nxh8 16.Bg5 Ne4 17.Bf4 Ng6 18.Rae1 Nf6 19.Bg5 Ne5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Bd3 Ke7 22.Bxh7 Be6 23.Rf4 Bxa2 24.b3 Rh8 25.Bd3 Kf7 26.Rxd4 Rg8 27.Rxe5

dxe5 28.Ra4 Bb1 29.Ra1 1-0 (29) Duda,J (2734)-Sagita,C (2332) chess.com INT 2024

[20] **7...d5** 8.Bb5 Bb4 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Ng5 0-0 11.Qh5 h6 12.Nxf7 Qe8 13.Nxh6+ gxh6 14.Rxf8+ Qxf8 15.Bxh6 Qf7 16.Qg5+ Qg6 17.Ne2 a6 18.Bxc6 Qxg5 19.Bxg5 Nxc6 20.c3 Be7 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 22.Nf4 Bg4 23.h3 Rf8 24.Rf1 Bd7 25.Nh5 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kf7 27.Kf2 Bf5 28.g4 Bb1 29.a3 b5 30.h4 Ng6 31.Kg3 Ke6 32.Ng7+ Kf7 33.Nh5 Ke6 34.Nf6 Ne7 35.h5 c5 36.Ne8 cxd4 37.cxd4 Nc6 38.Nc7+ Kf7 39.e6+ Ke7 40.Nxd5+ Kxe6 41.Nc3 Bc2 42.d5+ Kd6 43.dxc6 Kxc6 44.Kf4 b4 45.axb4 Kd6 46.g5 Bb1 47.g6 Bc2 48.Kg5 Ke7 49.h6 Kf8 50.Kf6 Kg8 51.Nd5 Bb3 52.Ne7+ Kh8 53.g7+ Kh7 54.g8Q+ Bxg8 55.Nxg8 Kxg8 56.Kg6 Kh8 57.h7 a5 58.b5 a4 59.b6 a3 60.b7 1-0 (60) AlexTriapishko (2799)-DrMystic (2563) Blitz 2025

[21] **9.0-0** dxe5
[9...a6 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.d5 Bd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.Ng5 Nf6 14.dxe6 Bc6 15.Nf7 Qe7 16.Nxh8 0-0-0 17.Nf7 Re8 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nh3 d5 20.Nf4 g5 21.Nd3 Qxe6 22.Re1 Ne4 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.Nf2 Bc5 25.Be3 Rd8 26.Qg4 1-0 (26) Aborigen100500 (2721)-AruthaConDoin (2623) Blitz 2022]
10.d5 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Nd4 12.Nxe5 Nxb5 13.Nxf7 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qe7 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Nxh8 0-0-0 17.Qf3 Rxh8 18.Rae1 Qd8 19.c4 Rf8 20.Qd3 h6 21.Bh4 g5 22.Bg3 Nh5 23.Be5 Nf4 24.Qh7 h5 25.Qh6 Rg8 26.g3 Nh3 27.Kg2 h4 28.Bf6 Qf8 29.Qxf8+ Rxf8 30.Be7 Bxe7 31.Rxe7 Rxf1 32.Kxf1 hxg3 33.hxg3 b6 34.Kg2 g4 35.Rg7 Bf5 36.a3 a5 37.c3 Be4+ 38.Kf1 Bd3+ 39.Kg2 Be4+ 40.Kf1 Kd8 41.Ke2 Bf3+ 42.Ke3 Ng1 43.Kd4 Ne2+ 44.Ke5 Nxc3 45.Ke6 Kc8 46.Rg8+ Kb7 47.Kd7 Ne4 48.Rg7 Nc5+ 49.Kd8 Na6 50.d6 Kc6 51.dxc7 Nxc7 52.Rxc7+ Kd6 53.Rf7 Be2 54.Rf4 Kc5 55.Kc7 a4 56.Kb7 Bf3+ 57.Ka6 Be2 58.Rf5+ Kxc4 59.Kxb6 Kb3 60.Kc5 Kxa3 61.Re5 Bf3 62.Re3+ Kb2 63.Kb4 Bd1 64.Rd3 Bc2 65.Rd2 a3 0-1 (65) Evil_Proctologist (2909)-dfsocial (2700) Blitz 2024

[22] **4.d4** Nxe4
[4...exd4 5.Nxd5 Nxd5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bd3 Bf5 9.Bxf5 Qxf5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Re1 0-0-0 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 d3 14.cxd3 Rxd3 15.Qc2 Rhd8 16.Be3 Bh4 17.g3 Bg5 18.Re2 Qxe5 19.Bxa7 Qa5 20.Bf2 h5 21.Rc1 Bxc1 0-1 (21) Medarde94 (2758)-mafiiiya (2632) Blitz 2022]
5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bg4+ 8.Be2 Bxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Nc6 10.c3 0-0-0 11.Nh3 f6 12.Be3 fxe5 13.f5 Be7 14.Nf2 Rhf8 15.g4 g6 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Nxe4 Bh4 18.g5 Rf5 19.Rhg1 Ne7 20.Rg4 Rh8 21.Rf1 Nd5 22.Bd2 b6 23.Rf3 Kd7 24.Rh3 1-0 (24) Polyclinical (2859)-Stas-2444 (2606) Blitz 2024
4.Nf3 dxe4
[4...Nxe4 5.Nxe5 Qh4+ 6.g3 Nxg3 7.hxg3 Qxh1 8.Qe2 Be7 9.d4 Bh3 10.Be3 Qxf1+ 11.Qxf1 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 c6 13.Kg2 f6 14.Nd3 Nd7 15.b4 Kf7 16.b5 Bd6 17.Kf3 Rhe8 18.Rh1 h6 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Bf8 21.f5 Rad8 22.Bd4 b6 23.bxc6 bxc5 24.Bf2 d4 25.Ne4 Rc8 26.c3 Rxc6

27.cxd4 cxd4 28.Rb1 Rb6 29.Rd1 Rb5 30.g4 h5 31.Rxd4 hxg4+ 32.Kxg4 Rb4 33.Rxb4 Bxb4 34.Kf4 a6 35.a4 Rd8 36.Bb6 Rd5 37.Kg4 Ba5 38.Ba7 Bc7 39.Nc5 Bd6 40.Ne4 Be5 41.Bb6 Bd4 42.a5 Bxb6 43.axb6 Rd4 44.Kf3 Rb4 45.Nc5 Rxb6 46.Ke4 a5 47.Kd5 Rb5 48.Kc4 Rxc5+ 49.Kxc5 g6 50.Kd4 gxf5 51.Kc3 f4 52.Kd3 f3 53.Ke3 a4 54.Kxf3 a3 55.Ke2 a2 56.Kd3 a1Q 57.Ke3 Qe5+ 58.Kd3 f5 59.Kc2 f4 60.Kb3 f3 61.Ka2 f2 62.Kb3 f1Q 63.Ka2 Qff4 64.Kb3 Qee3+ 65.Kc2 Qff2+ 66.Kb1 Qee1# 0-1 (66) wizkidpro (2800)-GoldenDreams (2784) Blitz 2022]

[4...d4 5.fxe5 dxc3 6.exf6 cxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Qxf6 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.0-0 Bc5+ 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Ng5 Qd4 12.Qxd4 Bxd4 13.Nxf7 Bf6 14.e5 Rxf7 15.exf6 Ne5 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.fxg7+ Kxg7 18.Bf4 Ng6 19.Bxc7 Be6 20.Rae1 Bf7 21.Be5+ Kg8 22.b3 Rc8 23.c4 h5 24.Bc3 b5 25.Rf6 bxc4 26.b4 Rd8 27.Ref1 Nh8 28.R6f4 Bg6 29.Bxh8 Kxh8 30.Rf8+ Rxf8 31.Rxf8+ Kg7 32.Rc8 Bd3 33.a4 h4 34.b5 h3 35.a5 Be4 36.b6 hxg2+ 37.Kg1 axb6 38.axb6 c3 39.Rxc3 Kf6 40.Rc7 Ke6 41.b7 Bxb7 42.Rxb7 Kf5 43.Rb2 Ke5 44.Rxg2 Kf5 45.h4 Kf4 46.h5 Kf5 47.h6 Kf4 48.h7 1-0 (48) BIZOO (2713)-ChessHobbits99 (2679) Blitz 2021]

5.Nxe5 Nc6

[5...Be6 6.d4 exd3 7.Bxd3 Bd6 8.Qe2 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bd5 13.Bxd5 cxd5 14.0-0-0 c6 15.Kb1 Re8 16.Qf3 Rb8 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Bd4 Qa5 19.a3 Reb8 20.Qg3 g6 21.Kc1 c5 22.Be5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 d4 24.Rhe1 Qb6 25.Qb3 Qxb3 26.cxb3 Rxb3 27.e6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Rab8 29.Rd2 c4 30.Rxd4 c3 31.bxc3 Rxc3+ 32.Kd1 Rxa3 33.Re7 Ra2 34.Rd2 Rxd2+ 35.Kxd2 Rb2+ 36.Ke3 Rxg2 37.h4 h5 38.Re4 Kg7 39.Kf3 Rg1 40.Kf2 Ra1 41.Rd4 Kf6 42.Rf4+ Ke5 43.Rb4 Kf5 44.Rb5+ Kg4 45.Rg5+ Kxh4 46.Rxg6 ½-½ (46) uppitywoopity (2775)-miki_train (2611) Blitz 2023]

[5...Bd6 6.Bc4 Bxe5 7.fxe5 Ng4 8.e6 f5 9.Qe2 Nc6 10.0-0 Nd4 11.Qd1 Qd6 12.g3 Nf3+ 13.Rxf3 exf3 14.d4 f2+ 15.Kg2 Bxe6 16.Qe2 Kf7 17.Bf4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4+ Qe6 19.d5 Qe1 20.Qxc7+ Kg6 21.Qd6+ Kh5 22.Qd7 f1Q# 0-1 (22) Biriyani (2765)-Statham_13 (2626) Blitz 2023]

[5...Bc5 6.Bc4 0-0 7.Qe2 Nc6 *(7...Qd4 8.Qe3 Qd6 9.Nxe4 Bxe3 10.Nxd6 cxd6 11.Nxf7 d5 12.dxe3 dxc4 13.Ne5 Bf5 14.Bd2 Bxc2 15.Nxc4 Be4 16.0-0 Nc6 17.Rfc1 Rad8 18.Bc3 Nd5 19.Kf2 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 b5* 0-1 (20) Biriyani (2725)-GuiltyConscience (2658) Blitz 2022*)* 8.Nxe4 *(8.d3 Nd4 9.Qd1 Bf5 10.Be3 exd3 11.Bxd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nxc2+ 13.Qxc2 Bxe3 14.Qe2 Bxf4 15.0-0 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Qxe5 17.Qf3 Bd2 18.Qxb7 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qxc3 20.Rac1 Qa5 21.Rxc7 Rab8 22.Qxa7 Qxa7 23.Rxa7 Ra8 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Rf2 h5 26.h3 Ra3 27.Kh2 Kf8 28.Re2 h4 29.Rf2 Nh5 30.Rb2 g5 31.Rb5 f6 32.Rb2 Ng3 33.Rf2 Ke7 34.Rc2 Rd3 35.Rc1 Ra3 36.Rc2 f5 37.Rc7+ Ke6 38.Rg7 Kf6 39.Rb7 Rxa2 40.Rb5 Ne4* 0-1 (40) Biriyani (2739)-Ooopscheck (2952) Blitz 2022*)*

8...Nd4 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Nxf7 Rxf7 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qc4+ Kg7 13.0-0 Qd6 14.c3 Be6 15.Qa4 b5 16.Qd1 Ne2+ 17.Kh1 Nxc1 18.d4 Nxa2 19.f5 Bf7 20.dxc5 Qxd1 21.Rfxd1 a5 22.Rd7 Kf8 23.Rxc7 Rd8 24.Kg1 Rd2 25.Rxf7+ Kxf7 26.Rxa2 a4 27.c4 bxc4 28.Rxa4 Rxb2 29.Rxc4 1-0 (29) titanshahmat2003 (2760)-Chess-Network (2676) Blitz 2025]

6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.b3 0-0 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Re8 12.0-0 f6 13.Bb2 fxe5 14.fxe5 Bc5+ 15.d4 Bb6 16.c4 a5 17.c5 Ba7 18.Rf4 Be6 19.Raf1 Qd7 20.Rh4 h6 21.Qg6 Rf8 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rxh6 Bf5 24.Qg5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 Qd1+ 26.Kf2 Qc2+ 27.Kg1 Qxb2 28.Rf6 Qd4+ 0-1 (28) wizkidpro (2822)-ARM__55555 (2845) Blitz 2022

4.f5 d4 5.Nce2 Nxe4 6.d3 Nd6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.g4 h5 9.gxh5 Nxf5 10.Ng3 Bb4+ 11.Kf2 Ne3 12.Bxe3 dxe3+ 13.Kg2 Bg4 14.c3 Bd6 15.Be2 Qd7 16.Qc1 f5 17.h3 Bxf3+ 18.Bxf3 0-0-0 19.Qxe3 Kb8 20.Qe2 Rdf8 21.Rhf1 Rf6 22.Qd2 g6 23.Qg5 Be7 24.hxg6 Rg8 25.Bh5 Qd5+ 26.Kh2 f4 27.Ne4 Rfxg6 28.Qxg6 Rxg6 29.Bxg6 Qxd3 30.Rae1 a5 31.Rg1 Bh4 32.Ref1 Bg3+ 33.Nxg3 fxg3+ 34.Rxg3 Qxf1 35.h4 Qf4 36.h5 Qh4+ 37.Kg2 Ne7 38.Bf7 Nf5 39.Rh3 Qg5+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.Kg1 Qg4+ 42.Kh2 Nh6 43.Bg6 Qf4+ 44.Rg3 Ng4+ 45.Kh3 Nf2+ 46.Kg2 Ne4 47.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 48.Kh2 Qf5 49.Rh3 Qf4+ 50.Kg2 Qh6 51.Kg3 e4 52.Kh4 e3 53.Kg4 e2 54.Rh1 Qe6+ 55.Kf3 e1Q 56.Rxe1 Qxe1 57.Kf4 Qd1 58.Kf5 Qxh5+ 59.Ke6 Qd1 60.Ke7 Qc1 61.Kf8 Qxb2 62.Kg7 Qxa2 63.Kh8 Qc2 64.Kg8 Qxc3 0-1 (64) dudewithabigflute (2757)-MrBochwalt (2721) Blitz 2021

Breutigam,Martin: 'For'Breutigam, Martin: 'Zu' **4.d3** Schussler: 'can be answered by 'Breutigam,Martin: 'see Spielmann-Lasker.'Breutigam, Martin: 'siehe Spielmann-Lasker.'

4...exf4 Schussler: ', when'

[4...dxe4 5.fxe5 Ng4 *(5...Nd5* 1-0 Chorfi,K-Esses,M/Afroatin-ch prel-3 corr 1997 (31) *6.Nxe4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nxe5 10.0-0 Be7 11.d4 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 0-0 13.c3 c6 14.Ng3 Bg5 15.Nf5 Bxc1 16.Raxc1 Ne7 17.Rce1 Nxf5 18.Qxf5 Qc7 19.Re3 Rae8 20.Rh3)*

6.Nxe4

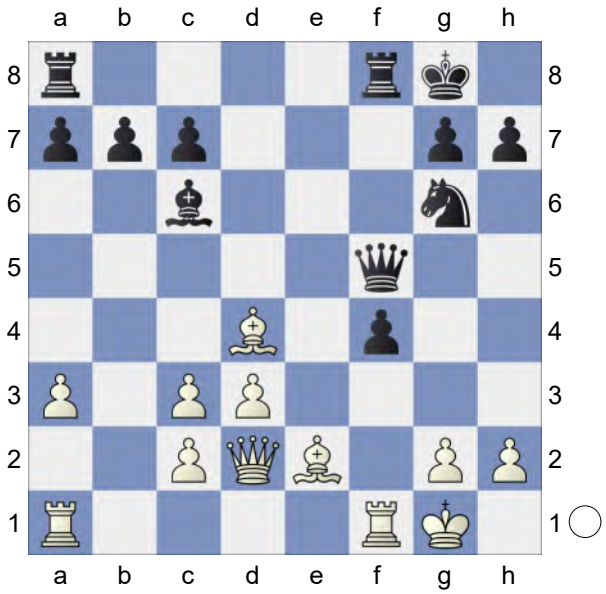
A) 6...Nxe5 7.d4 RR: '±' RR: 'Une vieille variante' Ng6 8.Bc4 Be7 9.Nf3 Nc6 *(9...Bg4* RR: 'N' *10.0-0 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qxf3+ Ke8 13.Qf7+ Kd7 14.Qf5+ Kc6 15.Qe6+ Bd6 16.d5+ Kb6 17.Be3+ Ka5 18.Bd2+ Kb6 19.Rf3 a5 20.Rb3+ Ka7 21.Be3+ b6 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Bxb6+ Qxb6+ 24.Rxb6 cxb6 25.Rf1 Rf8 26.Rf7+ Rxf7 27.Qxf7+ Ka6 28.Qxg7 Ra7 29.Qg8 Rb7 30.c4 Ne5 31.b3 Ka7 32.g4 Rf7 33.a3 Nbd7 34.h3 Rf3 35.Qxh7 Rxb3 36.Kg2 Rxa3 37.g5 Ra2+ 38.Kg3 Ra1 39.h4* RR: 'Mayer,L-Neumann,A Hannover 1902 0-1'*)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.c3 Nh4 RR: '??' *(11...Na5* RR: 'Le ♗c4 est trés fort et l'échanger aurait soulager la défense des Noirs.'*; 11...Be6)* 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Qh5 RR: 'Probablement oublié par les Noirs' g6 1-0 (13) Algeo,T (2414)-Samolins,V (2077) 4: Chinese Championship, Xinghua 2012 EXT 97-B [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001];

B) 6...Nc6

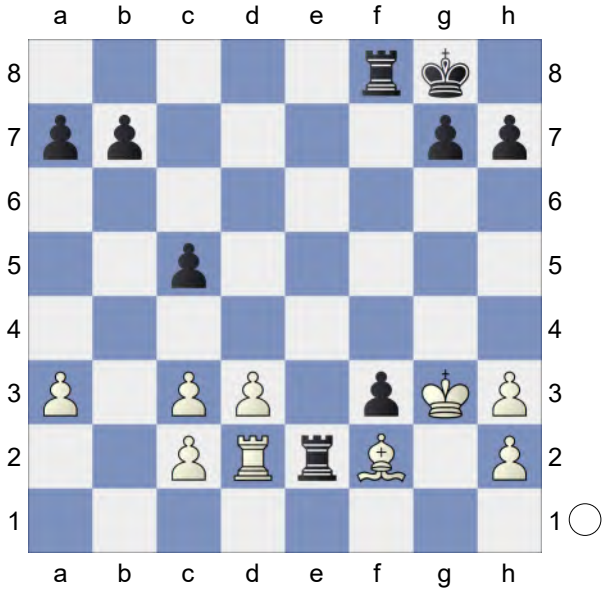
B1) 7.c3! Qd5 8.Qb3 Qxb3 *(8...Be6)* 9.axb3 Ngxe5 10.d4 Ng6 11.Bc4 Be7 12.Nf3 h6 13.b4 0-0 14.0-0 Bf5 15.Nfg5 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Nd8 17.b5 Re8 18.Ng3 Bf8 19.Nf5 Ne7 20.Ne3 Ne6 21.Ng4 Ng6 22.Bd5 Nd8 23.Bxh6 c6 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Bc4 Re7 26.Bg5 Rd7 27.h4 Be7 28.h5 Nf8 29.Be3 Bd6 30.b4 Nde6 31.Ra6 Rc8 32.h6 Nh7 33.hxg7 Kxg7 34.Bh6+ Kg8 35.Bd3 Rcc7 36.Bd2 RR: 'Steinitz,W-Blackburne,J Vienna 1882 1-0';

B2) 7.Nf3 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 *(8.Be2 Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bd2* ½-½ Staudler,H-Johnson,M/W-ch19 q04 corr 1999 *f5)* 8...Nxe5 9.Bf4 *(9.Be2)* 9...Ng6 10.Bg3 f5 11.Nc3 Bb4 12.Be2 Qf6 13.Qd2 f4 And suddenly we were out of an extensively analysed variation of the Dragon and into a fairly rare backwater of it.I had nothing prepared apart from the main lines and was very interested to see what my opponent had cooked up! 14.Bf2 0-0 15.0-0 Bd7 16.a3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 *(17.Qxc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 Rae8 19.Bf3)* 17...Bc6 18.Bd4 *(18.Bg4* ½-½ Dominguez,L-Fernandez,L/Camaguey (Cuban Under 20 Ch.) 1999 (38) *Qg5* ½-½ Sedlak,N-Dabetic,R/Yugoslavia 2000 *19.Bh3)* 18...Qf5 Diagram *(18...Qg5)*

(Diagram)

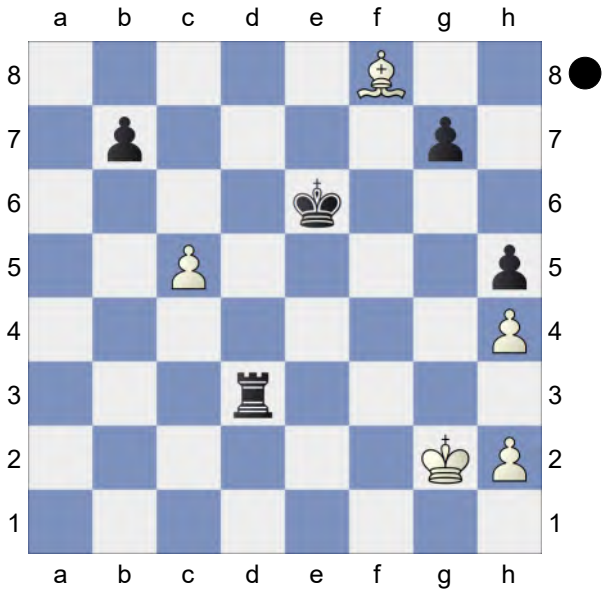


19.Bf3N I wanted something a little sharper than the predecessors. *(19.Rae1)* 19...Bxf3 20.Rxf3 *(20.gxf3 c5 21.Bf2 Qh5 22.Qd1 Rf6 23.Be1 Re8 24.Bd2 Nh4)* 20...c5 21.Bf2 Ne5 22.Rh3 *(22.Qe2)* 22...Qxh3 23.gxh3 Nf3+ 24.Kg2 *(24.Kf1! Nxd2+ 25.Ke2±)* 24...Nxd2 25.Rd1!± f3+ 26.Kg3 Rae8 27.Rxd2 Re2 Diagramm



28.Rd1 h5 29.h4 Rxc2 30.Bxc5 Rg2+ 31.Kh3 Rf5 Best I think.

32.Bxa7 Rc2 33.c4 *(33.Bd4)* 33...f2 34.Rf1! Rf3+ 35.Kg2 Rxd3?! 36.Rxf2 *(36.Bxf2? Rxa3+- 37.c5 Kh7+-)* 36...Rxf2+ 37.Bxf2 Rxa3 38.c5 Kf7 39.Bg3 Ke6 40.Bd6 Rd3 41.Bf8 Diagram *(41.Kf1 Rc3±)*



41...g6 42.Kf2 Kd5 43.Kg2! Rc3 44.Kf2! Rxc5 45.Bxc5+- Kxc5!? 46.Ke3 Kc4 1-0 (46) Barnsley,A (2490)-Schuett,I (2547) Switzerland 2002 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Barnsley, A]]

[4...d4 5.Nce2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd6 *(6...Bg4)*]

[4...Nc6 RR: 'ᗅ' 5.fxe5 Nxe5 6.d4 Nc6 7.e5 Ne4]

5.e5

[5.Bxf4 is strongly met by Bb4]

[and 5.exd5 Nxd5 would give White equality at best]

5...Ng4

[5...d4 6.Nce2 Nd5 7.Nxf4 Bb4+ 8.Kf2 Nc6 9.Nf3 0-0 was clearly better for Black in Lombardy-Smyslov, Teesside 1975.]

6.Bxf4 d4 7.Ne4 Nc6 8.Nf3 Qd5 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Neg5 Bb4+ 11.Kd1 0-0-0 12.a3 Ba5 13.h3 Ne3+ 14.Bxe3 dxe3 15.Qxe3 Bf5 16.Qf4 Bg6 17.Kc1 h6 18.Ne4 Rhe8 19.Nc3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe5 21.c4 Qa5 22.Qd2 Qxd2+ 23.Nxd2 Nc6 24.Nf3 f6 25.Kd2 Bf7 26.Kc3 Re3 27.Kd2 Re7 28.Kc3 b6 29.d4 Bh5 30.d5 Bxf3 31.gxf3 Re3+ 32.Bd3 Ne5 33.f4 Nxd3 34.cxd3 c6 35.Kd2 Rf3 36.Ke2 Rxf4 37.dxc6 Rd6 38.Rag1 g5 39.Rg4 Rf5 40.h4 Rxc6 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Rh7 Rc7 43.Rh6 Re7+ 44.Kd2 Rf2+ 45.Kc3 Rf3 46.Rd4 Rd7 47.a4 Rxd4 48.Kxd4 g4 49.Ke4 f5+ 50.Ke5 g3 51.Rg6 f4 52.Ke4 Rf2 53.d4 g2 54.Rg8+ Kb7 55.Rg7+ Ka6 56.d5 f3 57.d6 Rf1 58.d7 Rd1 59.Kxf3 Rxd7 60.Rxg2 Rd4 61.Rc2 Rd3+ 62.Ke4 Ra3 63.Kd5 Rxa4 64.Rh2 Ra5+ 65.Kd4 Rc5 66.Ra2+ Ra5 67.Rg2 Kb7 68.Rg7+ Ka6 69.Rc7 Rh5 70.Kc3 Rh3+ 71.Kb4 Rh6 72.Re7 Rh1 73.Re2 Rb1+ 74.Kc3 Ra1 75.Kb4 Ra5 76.Re7 Rc5 77.Re2 Ra5 78.Rd2 Rc5 79.Ra2+ Ra5 80.Rg2 Rc5 81.Kc3 Ra5 82.Kd4 Rc5 83.Rg6 Ka5 84.Rc6 Kb4 85.Rd6 Rxc4+ 86.Kd3 Rc5 87.Kd2 Kb5 88.Rd7 Ka6 89.Ke3 Ra5 90.Kf2 Ra4 91.Rd8 Ra5 92.Rd3 Ra4 93.Rd4 Ra5 94.Rd3 b5 95.Ke3 Ra4 96.Rd2 Ka5 97.Ke2 a6 98.Rd6 b4 99.Rd1 Ra3 100.Rd2 Ka4 101.Rd3 a5 102.Ke3 Ra2 103.Rd4 Ka3 104.Ke4 a4 105.Ke5 1-0 (105) shootingstar10 (2755)-Zhigalko,S (2722) Blitz 2024

[23] **4...d4** 5.fxe5 Ng4

[5...dxc3 6.exf6 Qxf6 7.dxc3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.e5 Qe7 10.Qe4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qxe5 12.Bb5 Qxe4+ 13.fxe4 0-0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Be3 Re8 16.0-0 Rxe4 17.Bxa7 c5 18.Rxf7 Kb7 19.Rd1 Re7 20.Rxf8 Rxf8

21.Bxc5 Rfe8 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Kf2 g5 24.Rd4 Kc6 25.a4 Rf7+ 26.Kg3 Re7 27.Rd2 h5 28.Kf3 Re1 29.Rg2 g4+ 30.Kf4 Kd5 31.b3 Rf1+ 32.Kg5 Ke4 33.Kxh5 1-0 (33) Ellaijio (2712)-TheFinnisher (2450) Blitz 2024]

6.Nf3 dxc3

[6...Nc6 7.Nd5 Ncxe5 *(7...Ngxe5 8.d3 Bg4 9.Bd2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Qh4+ 11.Kd1 0-0-0 12.Rg1 h6 13.f4 Nd7 14.Be1* 1-0 (14) Ellaijio (2715)-anhao (2759) Blitz 2022*)* 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qf2 c6 10.Nf4 Bd6 11.Be2 0-0 12.Qxd4 f5 13.0-0 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Bf5 15.Qa4 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Rf6 17.c3 Rh6 18.d4 Qh4 19.h3 Bb6 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.dxe5 Qg3 22.c4 Bxh3 23.Qxg3 1-0 (23) Ellaijio (2729)-MrTactic2008 (2715) Blitz 2023]

7.bxc3 f6

[7...c5 8.d4 *(8.h3 Nh6 9.d4 Nc6 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Qc4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxe5 13.Qb5+ Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Kd8 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nxa7 Bd7 17.Bb5 Be6 18.Be2 Bc5 19.Nb5 Ke7 20.a4 Rc8 21.a5 Ng8 22.Rb1 Nf6 23.Nd4 Rc7 24.Bd3 g6 25.Ke2 Nh5 26.Rhc1 Nf4+ 27.Kd2 Nxg2 28.Rb5 Bd7 29.Rb2 Nf4 30.Rcb1 Bc8 31.Rb5 Nxh3 32.Nb3 Bd6 33.Nd4 Ng5 34.Ke3 h5 35.Rg1 Ne6 36.Rgb1 h4 37.Rh1 h3 38.Rxh3 Nxd4 39.cxd4 Bxh3 40.dxe5 Bc5+ 41.Kf4 Bd7 42.Rb1 Bc6 43.Bc4 Rd7 44.Bd5 Bxd5 45.exd5 Rxd5 46.Rxb7+ Ke6 47.c4 Rd4+ 48.Kf3 Rxc4 49.Rb5 Kxe5 50.Ke2 Kd4 51.Rb7 f5 52.Rd7+ Ke4 53.Kd2 Ra4 54.Rg7 g5 55.Kc3 g4 56.Kb3 Rxa5 57.Rg8 Bd4 58.Kc4 Be5 59.Rg6 Rd5 60.Rh6 Rd4+ 61.Kc5 Rd3 62.Rh1 Rc3+ 63.Kb4 Re3 64.Rd1 g3 65.Rg1 f4 66.Rg2 f3* 0-1 (66) Ellaijio (2722)-Herushkanamura (2941) Blitz 2022*)* 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.h3 Nh6 13.g4 f6 14.g5 fxg5 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.Nxg5 Nc6 17.0-0-0 Nxd4 18.Rhg1 Nc6 19.Qd6 Qe7 20.Rd3 Re8 21.Qxh6 gxh6 22.Nf7+ Qxf7 23.Bxf7 Be6 24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Rd6 Nxe5 26.a4 Nf7 27.Rd4 Bxh3 28.Rg3 Be6 29.Rc3 h5 30.e5 Nxe5 31.Rc7 Ng6 32.Rxb7 h4 33.Rd2 h3 34.Rxa7 Nh4 35.Rh2 Nf3 36.Rh1 Rg8 37.Ra5 h2 38.Rxh2 Nxh2 39.Re5 Bg4 40.a5 Nf3 41.Rc5 Nd4 42.Kb2 Ra8 43.Kc3 Ne6 44.Re5 h5 45.Kb4 Kg7 46.c4 Kf6 47.Re4 Bf5 48.Re1 h4 49.c5 h3 50.c6 Nd4 51.Rh1 Nxc6+ 52.Kc5 Nxa5 53.Kd6 Nc4+ 54.Kc7 Ne3 55.Rc1 Rc8+ 56.Kd6 Rxc1 ½-½ (56) Ellaijio (2734)-PazificDreams (2648) Blitz 2024]

8.h3

[8.exf6 Nxf6 9.d4 Be7 10.Qe3 c5 11.Bc4 Qc7 12.d5 Ng4 13.Qe2 Ne5 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Bf4 Nbd7 16.Bb5 0-0 17.Qe3 Bd6 18.Bxd7 Nxf3+ 19.Rxf3 Bxf4 20.Rxf4 Qxf4 21.Qxf4 Rxf4 22.Bxg4 Rxg4 23.Re1 Re8 24.e5 Rg5 25.d6 Rgxe5 26.Rxe5 Rxe5 27.c4 Re8 0-1 (27) Ellaijio (2715)-aaryan_varshney (2606) Blitz 2023]

8...Nxe5 9.Nxe5 fxe5 10.Qh5+ Kd7 11.Qxe5 Nc6 12.Qg3 Qe7 13.Bd3 Qe5 14.Qf3 Bd6 15.Rb1 Rf8 16.Qe2 Qg3+ 17.Kd1 Rf2 18.Qg4+ Qxg4+ 19.hxg4 Ke7 20.Be2 Rxg2 21.d4 Bxg4 22.Bxg4 Rxg4 23.e5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Bxe5 25.Ba3+ Kf6 26.Rxb7 Kg6 27.Bc5 Rd8+ 28.Kc1 Rd5 29.Bxa7 Ra5 30.Bd4 Bf4+ 31.Kb2 h5 32.Kb3 h4 33.a4 Bd6 34.Ra7 Rxa7 35.Bxa7 Kh5 36.a5 Rf4 37.a6 Rf5 38.Ka4 Rf8

39.Bd4 g5 40.Kb5 c5 41.Be3 g4 42.Kc6 Be5 43.a7 g3 44.Bxc5 Ra8 45.Kb7 Rxa7+ 46.Bxa7 g2 47.Rd1 Kg4 48.c4 h3 49.Bg1 h2 50.Bxh2 Bxh2 51.c5 g1Q 52.Rxg1+ Bxg1 53.c6 Bh2 54.c7 Bxc7 55.Kxc7 Kf4 56.c4 Ke5 57.Kb6 Kd6 58.c5+ 1-0 (58) WorldChessPoker (2771)-Smirnov, P (2677) Blitz 2021

4...exf4 5.d4 dxe4

[5...Be7 6.Bxf4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 Nd7 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Qe3 Nd5 11.Qd2 Nxf4 12.Qxf4 Qd6 13.Qxd6 Bxd6 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Kf2 Bd7 16.Rhe1 f6 17.c4 c6 18.Re2 Rad8 19.Rd1 Bc7 20.Bc2 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+ Bxe8 22.d5 cxd5 23.cxd5 Kf8 24.Bb3 Bb6+ 25.Nd4 Bf7 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.Nf5+ Kf8 28.d6 Bxb3 29.axb3 Bc5 30.Rd5 b6 31.h4 g6 32.Ne7 a5 33.Nc6 Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Bxd6 35.Ke2 Kf7 36.Nd4 Be5 37.Nb5 Bxb2 38.Nd6+ Ke6 39.Nc4 Bd4 40.Kd3 Bc5 41.g4 f5 42.g5 Kd5 43.Nd2 b5 44.Nf3 Bf2 45.h5 gxh5 46.Nd2 h4 47.Nf3 h3 48.Nh2 Bg3 49.g6 hxg6 0-1 (49) Ellaijio (2730)-KP213 (2557) Blitz 2022]

6.Nxe4 Nxe4

[6...Be6 7.Bxf4 Qxd4 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bxc7 Qxb2 10.Qb5+ Qxb5 11.Bxb5+ Nc6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Ba5 Bd5 14.Nf3 Rg8 15.0-0 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Kd7 17.Rad1 Rg4 18.h3 Ra4 19.Bc3 Rg8 20.Bxf6 Kc8 21.Rd2 Rxa2 22.Bd4 Bb6 23.Bxb6 axb6 24.Ne5 Ra3 25.Kh2 Rag3 26.Rff2 f6 27.Ng4 R3xg4 28.hxg4 Rxg4 29.Rxf6 Kc7 30.Rh6 Be4 31.g3 Bg6 32.Rh4 Rg5 33.Rhd4 b5 34.Rd7+ Kb6 35.R7d6 Rc5 36.Kg2 Bxc2 37.Kf2 Bg6 38.Ke3 b4 39.Rd8 Kb5 40.Rb8+ Kc4 41.Rd4+ Kc3 42.Rdxb4 Re5+ 43.Kf4 Re4+ 44.Rxe4 c5 1-0 (44) WorldChessPoker (2702)-BehaarterBison007 (2673) Blitz 2022]

7.Qxe4+ Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Bxe7 9.Bxf4 Bd6

[9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Bf5 11.d5 Nb4 12.a3 Nxc2 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.Bd3 Rxd5 15.Kxc2 Rxd3 16.Rxd3 Rd8 17.Rhd1 c5 18.Kc3 Bf6+ 19.Ne5 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Re8 21.Rd5 g5 22.Rxc5+ Kd8 23.Bxg5 Bxg5 24.Nxf7+ Ke7 25.Nxg5 1-0 (25) INotSadJustWantToDie (2750)-tirakhtor (2734) Blitz 2022]

[9...c6 10.Bd3 Be6 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.0-0-0 h6 13.Rhe1 0-0 14.c4 Rfe8 15.b3 Rad8 16.Kc2 a5 17.Bc7 Rc8 18.Bxa5 Ra8 19.Bc3 Rxa2+ 20.Kb1 Rxg2 21.Rg1 Rxg1 22.Rxg1 Bf6 23.Kc2 Ra8 24.Kb2 Nf8 25.Nd2 Rd8 26.Nf3 Nh7 27.h4 Nf8 28.Be4 Bc8 29.Kc2 Ne6 30.d5 Bxc3 31.dxe6 Bf6 32.exf7+ Kxf7 33.Bg6+ Kf8 34.h5 Be6 35.Rf1 Bf7 36.Ne5 Bxg6+ 37.Nxg6+ Kf7 38.Ne5+ Ke6 39.Nd3 Kf7 40.Nc5 b6 41.Ne4 Ra8 42.Nd6+ Ke6 43.Ne4 Ra2+ 44.Kd3 Rh2 45.Re1 Rxh5 46.b4 Re5 47.Rf1 h5 48.Ng3 h4 49.Ne2 c5 50.bxc5 bxc5 51.Nf4+ Kf5 52.Nd5+ Kg5 53.Rg1+ Kh5 54.Nf4+ Kh6 55.Rg6+ Kh7 56.Rg1 Rg5 57.Rh1 Rf5 58.Ke4 Re5+ 59.Kf3 Kh6 60.Nd3 Rh5 61.Nf4 Rf5 62.Ke4 Re5+ 63.Kf3 g5 64.Nd3 Rf5+ 65.Ke4 Kg6 66.Nxc5 Rxc5 67.Kd3 Re5 68.Rb1 Re7 69.Rb8 Rc7 70.Rg8+ Rg7 71.Re8 Rh7 72.Re1 h3 73.Rh1 h2 74.Ke2 g4 75.Kf2 Be5 76.Kg2 Rc7 77.c5 Rxc5 78.Re1 Rc2+ 79.Kh1 Rc5 80.Rd1 Bf6 81.Rd3 Rg5 82.Kxh2 Be5+

83.Kg2 Kf5 84.Rd8 Rg6 85.Rf8+ Rf6 86.Rc8 Rd6 87.Rc2 Rd4 88.Rf2+ Rf4 89.Re2 Bd4 90.Rc2 Ke4 91.Rc8 Rf2+ 92.Kg3 Re2 93.Kxg4 Be5 94.Kh3 Re3+ 95.Kg2 Bd4 96.Kf1 Kd3 97.Kf2 Rf3+ 98.Kg2 Be3 99.Kh1 Kd2 100.Kg2 Rf2+ 101.Kg3 Rf1 102.Kg4 Ke1 103.Kh5 Rf2 104.Kg6 Re2 105.Kh7 Kf1 106.Kh8 Kf2 0-1 (106) Ellaijio (2701)-aFANofFUN (2631) Blitz 2024]

10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Ne2 Nb4 13.Be4 f5 14.a3 fxe4 15.axb4 Bg4 16.Nf4 Kd7 17.Rf1 Rhf8 18.Kd2 Kc6 19.h3 g5 20.b5+ Kd7 21.Nd5 Be6 22.Nf6+ Ke7 23.Nxe4 Bd5 24.Rfe1 Kd7 25.b3 Rae8 26.Kd3 Rf4 27.Nxg5 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Bxg2 29.Re3 Bf1+ 30.Kc3 h6 31.Ne4 Bxb5 32.d5 Bf1 33.Kd4 Bg2 34.c4 b6 35.Kd3 Bxe4+ 36.Rxe4 Rf3+ 37.Re3 Rf4 38.Rg3 Rh4 39.Rg7+ Kc8 40.Rxa7 Rxh3+ 41.Kc2 h5 42.Ra8+ Kb7 43.Rd8 Kc7 44.Rh8 h4 45.Rh7+ Kc8 46.Kb2 b5 47.cxb5 Rd3 48.Ka3 Rxd5 49.Ka4 Kb8 50.Ka5 Re5 51.Kb6 Re8 52.Rxh4 Rd8 53.Kc6 Rc8+ 54.Kb6 d5 55.Rd4 Rd8 56.Kc6 Rc8+ 57.Kb6 Rd8 58.b4 Rd6+ 59.Kc5 Kc7 60.Rxd5 Rh6 61.Rg5 Rh7 62.b6+ Kb7 63.Kb5 Rf7 64.Ka5 Rf1 65.Rg7+ Kb8 66.Ka6 Ra1+ 67.Kb5 Rh1 68.Rg6 Kb7 69.Rg7+ Kb8 70.Rf7 Rh2 71.Re7 Rh1 72.Ka6 Ra1+ 73.Kb5 Rh1 74.Re6 Kb7 75.Re5 Rh2 76.Rg5 Rh1 77.Rg7+ Kb8 ½-½ (77) WorldChessPoker (2769)-Chess_diviner (2751) Blitz 2021

4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Qxe4 Qd4

[6...Be7 7.fxe5 0-0 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d4 g6 10.c3 Bf5 11.Qf4 f6 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.0-0 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qxe5+ Bf6 16.Qg3 Bxd4+ 17.cxd4 Qxd4+ 18.Be3 Qxc4 19.Rac1 Qg4 20.Qe5+ Kg8 21.Bd4 1-0 (21) Ellaijio (2723)-Storm89 (2687) Blitz 2022]

[6...Nc6 7.Nf3 f5 8.Qe3 e4 9.Bb5 Qd5 10.c4 Qd6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.d4 a6 14.Ba4 b5 15.cxb5 Nxd4 16.0-0 axb5 17.Bd1 Bc5 18.Kh1 0-0 19.Qc3 Bb6 20.b4 Qc6 21.Qh3 Qc4 22.Rg1 Nc2 23.Bxc2 Qxc2 24.Be3 Ra3 25.Rge1 h6 26.Rac1 Qxa2 27.Qg3 Qb2 28.Rcd1 Qf6 29.h3 Kh7 30.Qf2 Rxe3 31.Rxe3 Rd8 32.Rde1 Rd3 33.Qg3 Bxe3 34.Rxe3 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Rxe3 36.Qxe3 Qf6 37.Qc5 c6 38.Qe3 Qe6 39.Qc5 Qd5 40.Qc3 Qd6 41.Qe3 Qxb4 42.Qg3 Qd6 43.h4 Qf6 44.h5 Qf7 45.Qe3 Qxh5+ 0-1 (45) WorldChessPoker (2719)-Unknown_Mp3Player (2629) Blitz 2021]

7.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 8.fxe5 Bf5

[8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Bb5 0-0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.b3 Bc5 13.Bb2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Rhe8 15.0-0-0 Bd4 16.f4 g6 17.Rhf1 Bxb2+ 18.Kxb2 Rd4 19.d3 f5 20.Rf3 c5 21.Rdf1 Kd7 22.Rh3 Re7 23.Kc3 Ke6 24.a4 a5 25.Rhf3 Kf7 26.Rg1 Rd8 27.Kc4 Red7 28.Kxc5 Rd4 29.Kc6 Ke6 30.Rgg3 Rb4 31.c4 Rxb3 32.Kc5 Rb4 33.d4 c6 34.Rb3 Rdb8 35.Rxb4 Rxb4 36.Rc3 Kd7 37.e6+ Kxe6 38.Kxc6 Rxa4 39.d5+ Ke7 40.Kc7 Ra1 41.Re3+ Kf7 42.c5 a4 43.d6 a3 44.c6 a2 45.Ra3 Ke6 46.d7 1-0 (46) WorldChessPoker (2722)-vampirenergetik (2558) Blitz 2021]

[8...c5 9.Nf3 a6 10.b3 Nc6 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bc4 Bh5 14.Rde1 b5 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Bf5+

Kb8 17.a3 Nd5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Rxe6 Nf4 20.Rxa6 Nxg2 21.Ne5 Kb7 22.Ra5 Nf4 23.Rxb5+ 1-0 (23) Ellaijio (2706)-aaryan_varshney (2687) Blitz 2023]

9.c3 c5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Bb5 0-0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 c5 15.Be3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb4+ 17.Kf2 Bg6 18.Rac1+ Kb7 19.Nc6 Bd2 20.Nxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rcd1 Bxe3+ 22.Kxe3 Re8 23.Kf4 Re7 24.Rd6 1-0 (24) Ellaijio (2756)-viktor_solovyov (2644) Blitz 2024

4...Bg4 5.Nf3 Bxf3 6.gxf3 d4 7.fxe5 Nfd7 8.Nd5 c6 9.c4 Nxe5 10.d3 cxd5 11.exd5 Qe7 12.Kd1 Ng6 13.Qf2 Qh4 14.Qe2+ Kd8 15.Rg1 Be7 16.Rg4 Qf6 17.Bh3 Nd7 18.Bg5 Qxg5 19.Rxg5 Bxg5 20.Bxd7 Kxd7 21.Qe4 Bf6 22.Qf5+ Kc7 23.c5 Rae8 24.d6+ Kb8 25.b4 Re5 26.Qd7 Rhe8 27.Kc2 Re2+ 28.Kb3 R2e3 29.Rd1 Rd8 30.Qc7+ Ka8 31.d7 a6 32.a4 Ne5 33.c6 Nxc6 34.b5 Nb8 35.bxa6 Nxa6 36.Qa5 Re5 37.Rc1 Rxa5 38.Rc8+ Ka7 39.Rc1 Nc5+ 40.Kc4 b6 41.Kd5 Rxd7+ 42.Kc6 Rd8 43.Rg1 Nb7 44.Kc7 Rc5# 0-1 (44) WorldChessPoker (2737)-Prettyfishy (2767) Blitz 2021

[24] **5...d4** 6.fxe5 dxc3 7.exf6 cxd2+ 8.Bxd2 Qxf6 9.0-0-0 Bg4

[9...Be7 10.Bc3 Qh6+ 11.Kb1 0-0 12.Rg1 Bc5 13.Rh1 Be6 14.Qb5 Bb6 15.Bc4 a6 16.Qa4 Rfe8 17.Bd5 Qg6 18.Nh4 Qg4 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.g3 Qxe4 21.Qb3 Rae8 22.Rhf1 Bd4 23.Nf5 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Qe5 25.Qb3 h5 26.a3 Rf6 27.Nh4 Rxf1 28.Rxf1 Qe6 29.Qxb7 Qc4 30.Rd1 Nd4 31.Rc1 Nb5 32.Qf3 g6 33.Qf6 Rb8 34.Ka1 Nd4 35.Qf2 Nb3+ 36.cxb3 Qxc1+ 37.Ka2 Qd1 38.Qe3 Qd5 39.Nf3 a5 40.a4 Rb4 41.Ng5 Rxa4+ 42.Kb1 Qd1+ 43.Qc1 Ra1+ 44.Kxa1 Qxc1+ 45.Ka2 Qxg5 0-1 (45) WorldChessPoker (2703)-Unknown_Mp3Player (2653) Blitz 2021]

10.Bc3 Qf4+ 11.Kb1 Rd8 12.Rxd8+ Kxd8 13.h3 Be6 14.Qb5 Kc8 15.Bd3 Be7 16.Qa4 Qd6 17.a3 Kb8 18.g4 Bf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rf1 a6 21.Nd2 Ne5 22.Qb4 Rd8 23.Qxd6 Rxd6 24.Kc1 Nxd3+ 25.cxd3 Rxd3 26.Rf3 Rxf3 27.Nxf3 c5 28.Kd2 Kc7 29.Ke3 Kc6 30.e5 fxe5 31.Nxe5+ Kd5 32.Nd3 Kc4 33.Kd2 Kd4 34.h4 Bxg4 35.Nf4 b5 0-1 (35) WorldChessPoker (2729)-Konevlad (3091) Blitz 2021

[25] **6...Nxe4** 7.Nxe4 Nd4 8.Qd3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 dxe4 10.Qxe4 Qh4+ 11.Kd1 Qh5 12.c3 Qxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Nxf3 14.Bg2 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rd8 16.Re1 f6 17.d4 Kf7 18.Kc2 Ng6 19.a4 a5 20.Be3 Bd6 21.Bd5+ Kf8 22.Bc4 Bxh2 23.Bd3 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.Re6 Bd6 26.c4 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Kxe8 28.c5 Bf4 29.Bb5+ Kf7 30.b4 Ra8 31.Bc6 Ra7 32.b5 g6 33.Kd3 g5 34.Ke4 h5 35.Kf5 h4 36.Rh1 Be3 37.Ke4 Bf2 38.Bd5+ Kg6 39.Be6 c6 40.Bf5+ Kg7 41.bxc6 Re7+ 42.Kd5 Bg3 43.Bd7 Bc7 44.Kc4 Re2 45.d5 Rc2+ 46.Kd3 Rxc5 47.d6 Rd5+ 48.Kc4 Rxd6 49.Kc5 Rd2 50.Kb5 Rc2 51.Ka6 Kg6 52.Kb7 Be5 53.Kc8 f5 54.Kd8 g4 55.Be8+ Kg5 56.Bd7 g3 57.Rf1 g2 58.Rxf5+ Kg6 59.Rxe5 g1Q 60.Re6+ Kg5 61.Re7 Kf4 62.Rg7 Ke3 63.Rxg1 Kd2 64.Rh1 Rxc6 65.Rh2+ Kc3 66.Rh3+ Kb4 67.Bxc6 1-0 (67) WorldChessPoker (2785)-AntoniodelaTorre (2552) Blitz 2021

[26] **7...dxe4** 8.Qxd4 exf3 9.Qxd8+ Rxd8 10.exf6 Bc5 11.Ne4 f2+ 12.Nxf2 Bf5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Bd3 1-0 (14) WorldChessPoker (2742)-Shaginyan_A (2562) Blitz 2021

[27] **9.gxf3** Qh4+ 10.Ke2 Ng3+ 11.Kd3 Qxd4+ 12.Kxd4 Nxh1 13.Kxd5 0-0-0+ 14.Kc4 c5 15.Ne4 Rd4+ 16.Kc3 f5 17.exf6 gxf6 18.d3 f5 19.Bh3 Bg7 20.Bxf5+ Kb8 21.Kb3 Rf8 22.Bf4+ Ka8 23.c3 Rxd3 24.Nd6 Rxf3 25.Rxh1 Rxf4 26.Bh3 Kb8 27.Rg1 Be5 28.Nc4 Bc7 29.Rg7 b5 30.Nd2 Rh4 31.Bg2 Rxh2 32.Ne4 a5 33.Nxc5 Rf2 34.Na6+ Ka7 35.Nxc7 Rhxg2 36.Rxg2 Kb6 37.Nxb5 Rxg2 38.Nd4 Rg5 39.Ne6 Rg6 40.Kc2 Kc6 41.Nd4+ Kd5 42.Nf5 Rg2+ 43.Kb3 Rf2 44.Ne7+ Ke4 45.Nc8 h5 46.Ka3 h4 47.Nd6+ Kd3 48.Nf5 Rxf5 49.c4 h3 50.b3 h2 51.Ka4 h1Q 0-1 (51) WorldChessPoker (2796)-sillyMASTER (2839) Blitz 2021

[28] **5.Nxd5** Qxd5 6.Nf3
[6.fxe5 Qxe5+ is at least equal for Black Huber,G: 'equalizing easily.' Huber,G: 'gleicht problemlos aus' *(6...Qe4+* Huber,G: '!?'Huber,G: 'an enterprising move if black is not content with a dull draw.'Huber,G: 'ist ein unternehmender Zug, wenn Schwarz mit einem faden Remis nicht zufrieden ist.' *7.Be2 Bg4* Huber,G: '⩲' Huber,G: 'gives black a nice initiative for the small material deficit in Paglilla-Blatny, 1998.'Huber,G: 'gibt Schwarz eine schöne Initiative für das geringe materielle Defizit, Paglilla-Blatny, 1998.'*)* 7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Bxe2 Huber,G: '='Huber,G: 'There is very little scope for playing for a win for either side now.'Huber,G: 'Jetzt hat kaum eine Seite viel Raum, um auf Gewinn zu spielen.' Bf5 9.d3 Nc6 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Be3 Bd6 12.c3 Rhe8 13.Kf2 Ne7 14.Nh4 Bd7 15.g3 h6 16.Rhe1 g5 17.Ng2 Nd5 18.Bd2 f5 19.Bf3 Nf6 20.Rxe8 Bxe8 21.Ne3 f4 22.Nf5 fxg3+ 23.hxg3 Bf8 24.d4 c5 25.Rh1 g4 26.Bg2 Bg6 27.Nxh6 cxd4 28.cxd4 Rxd4 29.Rc1+ Huber,G: '?!' *(29.Bc3* Huber,G: ' = 'Huber,G: 'is better' Huber,G: 'ist besser.'*)* 29...Kd7 30.Be3 Ne4+ 31.Kg1 *(31.Bxe4 Rxe4* Huber,G: ' ∓'*)* 31...Bxh6 32.Bxh6 Nxg3 Huber,G: ' ∓' 33.Bg7 Rd2 34.Rc4 Ne2+ 35.Kf1 Ng3+ 36.Kg1 Nf5 37.Rxg4 Nxg7 38.Rxg6 Nh5 39.Bf3 Nf4 40.Rg7+ Kd6 41.Rxb7 Nh3+ 42.Kh1 Nf2+ 43.Kg2 Nd3+ 44.Kg3 Rxb2 45.Rxa7 Nb4 46.a3 Nc2 47.Kf4 Ra2 48.a4 Nd4 49.Bh5 Kc5 50.Bf7 Kb6 51.Bxa2 Kxa7 52.Ke5 Nc6+ 53.Kd6 Kb6 54.Bd5 Nb4 55.Bc4 Na6 56.Bxa6 Kxa6 ß-ß (56) 11. ♗e3 ♖e8 12. ♗g1 ♖b8 (2458)-Holzmann,M (2509) Havana 2001 CBM 119 [Mueller]]
6...e4 7.c4 Qf5 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Nd4 Qxf4 10.d3 Bb4+ 11.Kd1 Qe5 12.Qxe4 Qxe4 13.dxe4 Bg4+ 14.Kc2 Nd7 15.Bf4 0-0-0 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nxc7 Nf6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 f5 20.Kb3 Ba5 21.Rc1+ Kd7 22.e5 Rc8 23.Bd3 g6 24.Bc4 b5 25.e6+ Ke7 26.d6+ Kf6 27.Bd5 g5 28.Be3 Ke5 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Bb7 Rg8 31.Bc5 Kxe6 32.h3 Be2 33.g4 Bc4+ 34.Kc2 f4 35.b3 Bd5 36.Bxd5+ Kxd5 37.b4 Bd8 38.Rd1+ Kc6 39.Re1 Kd7 40.Re5 Re8 41.Rf5 Re6 42.Rf7+ Kc6 43.Rf8 Kd7 44.Rf7+ Kc6 45.Rxh7 a5 46.bxa5 Kxc5 47.a6 Rxd6 48.Rh8 Rxa6 49.Rxd8 Rxa2+

50.Kd3 Ra3+ 51.Ke4 Re3+ 52.Kf5 Kb4 53.Kg6 Rc3 54.Kh5 Rc5 Time forfeit 0-1 (54) Kjetil_Lie80 (2706)-franky3000 (2633) Blitz 2024

5.Qh5 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.fxe5 Nc6 9.Nf3 Be6 10.Bd3 f5 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxh7+ 1-0 (12) NO_REMONTAS (2705)-axel1702 (2505) Rapid 2024

[29] **5...Qh4+** 6.g3 Nxc3 7.gxh4 Nxd1 8.Kxd1 Nc6 9.Nf3
[9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.c3 Bg4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Ke2 c5 14.d3 f6 15.Be3 fxe5 16.c4 Bd6 0-1 (16) Tsoukkerman,B (2449)-Vayser,V (2329) RCCA 2004]
9...Bg4 10.Be2 0-0-0 11.Re1 Rd5
[11...f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.c3 Bd6 14.d4 Rhe8 15.Bd2 h5 16.Rh1 Ne7 17.h3 Bf5 18.Ne1 c5 19.Rc1 Rh8 20.Bd3 cxd4 21.cxd4+ Kb8 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Rf1 Nxd4 24.Rxf6 Bg3 25.Rc4 Rd7 26.Nf3 Nxf3 27.Rxf3 Rhd8 28.Kc1 Rxd2 29.Rxg3 Rd1+ 30.Kc2 R8d2+ 31.Kb3 Rd3+ 32.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 33.Kb4 b6 ½-½ (33) Schuster,P (2405)-Hausdorf,H (2129) BdF-Schachserver 2010]
12.Ng5 Bxe2+ 13.Rxe2 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Rxe5 15.Nxf7 Rf5 16.Nxh8 Be7 17.Ke2 Rf8 18.d4 Rxh8 19.Bg5 Bd6 20.h3 Re8+ 21.Kd3 Rf8 22.Re1 Kd7 23.Re3 Rf2 24.Re2 Rf3+ 25.Re3 Rf1 26.Ke2 Ra1 27.Rf3 Rxa2 28.Rf7+ Ke6 29.Rxg7 Rxb2 30.Kd3 h5 31.Rh7 a5 32.Rxh5 a4 33.Bd2 Rb1 34.Ra5 a3 35.c4 Rd1 36.d5+ Kd7 37.c5 Bf4 38.Rxa3 Rxd2+ 39.Ke4 Bh6 40.Rg3 Rc2 41.Rg6 Rc4+ 42.Ke5 Rxh4 43.c6+ bxc6 44.dxc6+ Ke7 45.Re6+ Kf7 46.Rf6+ Ke7 47.Re6+ Kd8 48.Rg6 Rxh3 49.Ke6 Re3+ 50.Kf7 Rf3+ 51.Ke6 Bf8 52.Rg8 Rf2 53.Rh8 Ke8 54.Rg8 Rd2 55.Ke5 Rd6 56.Rg4 Rxc6 57.Ra4 Rd6 58.Ra8+ Kf7 59.Ra7 Rd7 60.Kf5 Re7 61.Ra6 Bg7 62.Ra8 Re5+ 63.Kf4 Ke6 64.Ra7 Bf6 65.Rxc7 Rf5+ 66.Ke4 Re5+ 67.Kf3 Rd5 68.Rc6+ Rd6 69.Rxd6+ Kxd6 ½-½ (69) squat2depth (2734)-JohanDerksen (2679) Blitz 2021

[30] **6.dxc3** Qh4+ 7.Kd2 Be7 8.Nf3 Qh5 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.h3 0-0-0 12.hxg4 Qxh1 13.b3 Rhe8 14.Bb2 Qh6+ 15.Qe3 Qxe3+ 16.Kxe3 Bd6 0-1 (16) junior155 (2720)-TabletopWarrior (2740) Blitz 2023

[31] **6...Nc6** 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.d4 f6 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Be2 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Bd7 13.Ng5 Qe7 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.Nf7+ Rxf7 16.Rxf7 Qe8 17.Bh6 gxh6 18.Qd3 Qg8 19.Rxd7 Rf8 20.Bxg8 1-0 (20) squat2depth (2704)-Different_1 (2683) Blitz 2021

[32] **7...Bg4+** Breutigam,Martin: '!?' Huber,G: '!'Huber,G: 'intending to calmly develop and harass the white king at black's leisure.' Huber,G: 'mit der Absicht, sich ruhig zu entwickeln und den weißen König nach Belieben zu jagen.'
8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Qe1 Breutigam,Martin: '!?'
[For Zu 9.d4?! 0-0-0 see Hamppe,C-Steinitz,W, 0-1 (23), Vienna 1859 Huber,G: ' ∓'Huber,G: 'and black has excellent long-term prospects against the white king for the small material investment.' Huber,G: 'und für die geringe materielle Investition verfügt Schwarz über ausgezeichnete langfristige Aussichten gegen den weißen König.' 10.Qe1 *(10.Bf4 f6*

sees Black open the centre to the horror of White's king) 10...Qh5 (10...Rxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4+ 12.Kd1 Nxf3 13.Qxh4 Nxh4+ 14.Be2 is less convincing) 11.Kf2 Be7 , followed by ...f7-f6, gives Black more than enough for the pawn.]

9...Qh5 Illingworth,Max: 'We considered Black's alternatives to this move in the previous game.' 10.Kd1 [If Falls 10.d4 , then , so f6! 11.exf6 (or bzw. 11.Kf2 Illingworth,Max: '!' 0-0-0↑) 11...0-0-0↑ Ris, Robert : '⇄!' Ris, Robert : 'and Black gets a couple of pawn for the piece, which is sufficient compensation, e.g.']

Breutigam,Martin: 'A few months later Nakamura went back into this variation, when his clearly lower rated opponent played the remarkable'Breutigam,Martin: 'Ein paar Monate später ließ sich Nakamura noch einmal auf diese Variante ein, diesmal spielte sein nominell klar unterlegener Gegner das beachtliche' 10...Bxf3+ Breutigam,Martin: '!?' Illingworth, Max: ' ±' Illingworth,Max: 'followed by h4-h5 was also very bad for Black.' Ris, Robert : '⇄!?'

[10...Nxe5 11.Be2 0-0-0 12.Nxe5 Bxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Qxe2+ Illingworth, Max: 'Black has got the use of the c4-square, but White's play will simply leave Black too busy to get counterplay on the queenside.' 14.Kxe2 Re8 15.d4 Illingworth,Max: '!?' Illingworth,Max: 'I quite like this rook lift which brings harmony to White's piece placement.' f6 16.Be3 fxe5 Illingworth,Max: '?' Illingworth, Max: 'A mistake, but' Ris, Robert : '?!' 17.d5 It was probably this endgame that Nakamura was envisaging when playing 9. ♕e1. Objectively, the position should be level but from the practical point of view it is slightly simpler for White because of his more active minor piece.Es war wohl dieses Endspiel, das Nakamura bei 9. ♕e1 vorschwebte. Die Stellung dürfte objektiv ausgeglichen sein, aber Weiß hat es aus praktischer Sicht etwas einfacher, dank der aktiveren Leichtfigur. Bd6 (17...Be7 18.Rab1 b6 19.c4 Kd7 Ris, Robert : '+-' 20.Rhf1 Rhf8 21.Rxf8 Rxf8 22.Rb3 Bc5 Ris, Robert : '+-' 23.Bxc5 Ris, Robert : 'is met by' bxc5 24.Rf3 Rf4 25.Rxf4 exf4 Illingworth,Max: 'The only way Black can turn 8... ♗e7 into a good option is with 10...a6! - see the next game for details.' 26.Kf3 g5 Ris, Robert : '+-' 27.Kg4 h6 28.h3 1-0 (28) Shirazi,K (2448)-Laurent,B (2346) Metz 2008 Ris, Robert : '⇄') 18.c4 b6 19.a4 Illingworth,Max: '+-' Illingworth,Max: 'White is practically winning already so let's stop here.' Rhf8 20.a5 Kd7 21.Kd3 (21.Rhb1!? Rf6 22.axb6 axb6 23.Ra7) 21...Rf6 22.Rhf1 Ris, Robert : ' ±'Ris, Robert : 'intending Qh5. Black is under pressure and now cracks' e4+ Ris, Robert : '?' 23.Ke2 Bxh2 24.Rxf6 gxf6 25.Rh1 Bd6 26.Rxh7+ Ris, Robert : '!' Re7 27.Rh8 Rg7 28.Kf1 Bc5 29.axb6 axb6 30.Bxc5 ½-½ (30) Nakamura,H (2733)-Onischuk,A (2699) Saint Louis 2010 CBM 169 [Breutigam,Martin]]

11.gxf3 0-0-0 Breutigam,Martin: '!?' Breutigam,Martin: 'Unfussy development looks good. Black's

pieces get into play quickly so that White will have problems finding a quiet place for his king. ' Breutigam,Martin: 'Die schnörkellose Entwicklung macht einen guten Eindruck. Die schwarzen Figuren kommen schnell ins Spiel, so dass Weiß Probleme haben wird, einen ruhigen Platz für den König zu finden. '

[Things would be less clear after Weniger klar wäre 11...Qxf3+ Illingworth,Max: ' ± ' 12.Be2 Illingworth,Max: '?!' Qd5 13.c4 Qxe5 14.Rb1 0-0-0 Illingworth,Max: '!' 15.Bg4+ Kb8 Illingworth,Max: 'gives Black quite promising compensation for the piece.' 16.Bf3 Qd6 17.Qg3 Illingworth,Max: '?' Ris, Robert : '!' Qe6 18.Qg2∞]

12.Qe4 Breutigam,Martin: 'White must first impove the coordination of his pieces. Generally speaking, his hopes are based on the bishop pair, especially on the potential power of the light-squared bbishop. A specific target is of course the b7-point or the black king on the queenside. ' Ris, Robert : 'intending to expans on the queenside with Rb8 & b5 etc. is initially suggested by the machine, though after' Breutigam,Martin: 'Weiß muss zunächst die Figurenkoordination verbessern. Seine Hoffnungen ruhen allgemein formuliert auf dem Läuferpaar, insbesondere auf die potentielle Kraft des weißfeldrigen Läufers. Ein konkretes Angriffsziel ist natürlich der Punkt b7 bzw. der schwarze König am Damenflügel. '

[12.d4?? Ris, Robert : '?' Nxd4 Illingworth,Max: '+-' Illingworth,Max: '1-0 (51) Barski,R (2288)-Raszka,J (2140) Gorzow 2014' Ris, Robert : '+-' 13.cxd4 Illingworth,Max: '±!' Ris, Robert : '?' Qxf3+ 14.Be2 Rxd4+ Ris, Robert : '-+' 15.Bd2 Ris, Robert : '?' Rxd2+-+ 0-1 (27) Donkers,J-Haast, A (2211) Haarlem 2011]

12...Qxe5 Ris, Robert : '!'Ris, Robert : 'with the idea of of Bg4 seems to give White an indisputable edge.' Ris, Robert : 'The critical test is' 13.d4 Ris, Robert : '!'

[After Nach 13.Qxe5 Ris, Robert : 'and the h-file will be eventually opened.' Nxe5 Black has no need to fear the bishop pair, since whilst his own pawn structure is completely intact the white one looks dubious. Ris, Robert : 'is the only move, but then Black's advantage is clear.' braucht Schwarz das Läuferpaar nicht zu fürchten. Denn während die eigene Bauernstruktur völlig intakt ist, macht die weiße einen bedenklichen Eindruck.]

13...Qa5 Illingworth,Max: '→' Illingworth, Max: 'is also in White's favour.'

[But here, not Hier aber nicht 13...Qxe4? 14.fxe4± In this case Black would not have had much with which to oppose the strong central pawns and the white bishop pair. Den starken Zentrumsbauern und dem weißen Läuferpaar hätte Schwarz in diesem Fall nicht viel entgegen zu setzen.]

14.Bd2 Illingworth,Max: 'and ...♘f7 is possible but White goes' 14...Qb6 Breutigam,Martin: '?' Illingworth, Max: 'anyway with a strong attack.' Ris, Robert : '?'Breutigam,Martin: 'The idea of ... ♕b2 is premature.

Like this Black opposes White's intentions on the b-file.'Breutigam, Martin: 'Die Idee ...Db2 ist verfrüht. Auf diese Weise kommt Schwarz den weißen Absichten auf der b-Linie entgegen.'

[And here Und hier hätte besser 14...g6! would have been a better continuation; the motif ... ♗h6 would enter the game, the pawn complex c3/d4 would be tactically vulnerable, e.g.. folgen sollen; das Motiv ... ♗h6 käme ins Spiel, der Bauernkomplex c3/d4 wäre taktisch anfällig, z.B.

15.a4 Ris, Robert : '!' *(15.Rb1? Ris, Robert : '!' Qxa2 Ris, Robert : '?' 16.Bh3+ f5-+)* 15...Bh6! 16.f4 Illingworth,Max: '?!' *(16.Bxh6?? Qxc3-+)* 16...Rhe8∓ Illingworth,Max: '!']

15.a4 Breutigam,Martin: '!?' 15...Qb2 16.Bh3+ Ris, Robert : '!'Ris, Robert : 'is the point of Black's 11th move.' 16...Kb8 17.Ke2 Breutigam,Martin: '!' 17...Bd6 Illingworth,Max: '!' Illingworth, Max: 'is very strong - Black will struggle to defend his king.' 18.Rhb1 Illingworth,Max: 'had mainly been seen.' 18...Qxa1 Illingworth, Max: '!' Illingworth,Max: 'is the correct move and gives Black a fair share of the chances as we'll see next game.' 19.Rxa1 Rhe8 20.Be3 Illingworth,Max: 'transposes to 10... f6.' 20...Rxe4 Illingworth,Max: 'White has scored heavily from this position with the basic attacking setup of ♕c2, h4 and ♘g5 in some order; the latest slaughter went' 21.fxe4 Breutigam,Martin: '±' Breutigam, Martin: '1-0 (35) Nakamura,H (2733)-Milliet,S (2388) Cap d'Agde 2010' 21...f6 22.Rg1 Bf8 23.Be6 Re8 24.Bd5 Ne7 25.Bf7 Rd8 26.c4 Nc8 27.c5 Rd7 28.Bg8 h6 29.Rb1 Ne7 30.Be6 Rd8 31.a5 Nc6 32.a6 Nxd4+ 33.Bxd4 Rxd4 34.Rxb7+ Ka8 35.Bd5 1-0 (35) Nakamura,H (2733)-Milliet,S (2388) Cap d'Agde FRA 2010

[33] **9.Nf3** Huber,G: 'and white's king is very safe, earning a nice development lead for his provocative play.'Huber,G: 'und der weiße König steht sehr sicher wobei das provokante weiße Spiel ihm noch einen schönen Entwicklungsvorsprung eingebracht hat.' 9...Qh5 10.Rb1 a6 11.Qe2+ Be7 12.Ba3 Nc6 13.Qe3 Qf5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Bd3 Qe6 16.Qxe6 fxe6 17.Rhe1 h6 18.Bc4 Kf7 19.Re4 Rd8 20.Rbe1 Nd5 21.Nd4 b5 22.Bb3 c5 23.Nc6 Rd6 24.Ne5+ Kg8 25.c4 Nf6 26.R4e2 b4 27.Nd3 a5 28.Nxc5 Rc6 29.Na4 e5 30.h3 Be6 31.Rxe5 Rf8 32.Rxe6 1-0 (32) Ivanchuk,V (2739)-Svidler,P (2754) Moscow RUS 2009

[34] **5.d3** Bb4 6.Bd2

[6.dxe4 0-0 *(6...Nxe4 7.Qd4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Ne2 Bf5 11.Bb2 c5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Qxd8 Raxd8 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Nb3 Ne4 18.Rfe1 f5 19.Rad1 a6 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Nd4 Na5 22.Bd5 Nf6 23.Bf7 Rf8 24.Re7 Nc6 25.Nxc6 Bxc6 26.Rd4 Ng8 27.Bxg8 Kxg8 28.Kf2 Rde8 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.g3 Kf7 31.c4 Re6 32.c5 Rh6 33.h4 Re6 34.Bc3 Bb5 35.Rd5 Re2+ 36.Kf3 g6 37.Rd2 Re4 38.Bd4 Bc6 39.Kf2 Ke6 40.c3 Kd5 41.Re2 Kc4 42.Rxe4 Bxe4 43.Ke3 Bb1 44.a3 Kb3 45.c6 bxc6 46.Bc5*

Kxc3 47.Bf8 Kc4 48.Be7 Be4 49.Bf8 c5 50.Kd2 Kd4 51.Bg7+ Kc4 52.Bf8 Kb5 53.Kc3 Bd5 54.Be7 Kc6 55.Bd6 Kb5 0-1 (55) Rivuza (2719)-milacek (2795) Blitz 2020*)* 7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Ne2 Qxd5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Nxc3 13.Qd2 Nxe2+ 14.Kh2 Qh5 15.Bxe2 Bxe2 16.Rae1 Nc6 17.g4 Bxg4 18.Qg2 Bf5 19.Bb2 Qg6 20.Qf2 f6 21.Rg1 Qf7 22.Ref1 b6 23.Rg2 Kh8 24.Rfg1 Rg8 25.Qf3 Ne7 26.Qc3 Bg6 27.Qxc7 Nf5 28.Qc3 Rac8 29.Qb3 Qxb3 30.cxb3 Ne3 31.Re2 Rc2 32.Rxc2 Nxc2 33.Rc1 Ne3 34.Rc7 Ra8 35.Kg3 Nf5+ 36.Kf2 h5 37.b4 Kh7 38.Bxf6 a5 39.b5 Re8 40.Be5 Kh6 41.Rc6 Re7 42.Rxb6 Kh7 43.Ra6 Rb7 44.Rxa5 Ne7 45.a4 Nd5 46.Ra8 1-0 (46) Chess_Variable_T (2731)-stratikus (2401) Rapid 2021]

[6.Nge2 0-0 7.dxe4 Nxe4 8.Qd4 Nxc3 9.Nxc3 Re8+ 10.Kf2 Nc6 11.Qc4 Qe7 12.Bd3 Bc5+ 13.Kg3 Nb4 14.Ne4 Nxd3 15.cxd3 Bb6 16.Re1 Bf5 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.a4 a5 19.h3 h6 20.Kh2 Qd8 21.Ng3 Qf6 22.Bc3 Qg6 23.Nxf5 Qxf5 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qe4 Red8 26.f5 Qd6 27.Kh1 f6 28.Re7 Bc5 29.Re6 Qxd5 30.Re8+ 1-0 (30) Vetranio (2722)-Revan_2002 (2660) Blitz 2025]

6...e3 7.Bxe3 0-0 8.Bd2 Re8+ 9.Be2 c6 10.a3 Bc5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nf3 cxd5 13.Na4 Nc6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.h3 Nh5 16.a4 Ng3 0-1 (16) Zaola420 (2796)-doreality1991 (2607) Blitz 2020

5.d4 Bb4 6.a3

[6.Bc4 Nxd5 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.Qd2 Bxe2 9.Bxd5 Ba6 10.Bxe4 0-0 11.Kf2 Nc6 12.a3 Ba5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rd1 Re8 15.b4 Bb6 16.Kg1 Qh4 17.g3 Qe7 18.Bb2 Qd7 19.Qg2 Re3 20.Qf2 Rae8 21.f5 Bc4 22.Qf4 f6 23.g4 h6 24.h4 h5 25.g5 Qd6 26.Qxd6 cxd6 27.gxf6 Rg3+ 28.Kf2 Ree3 29.Rd2 Ref3+ 0-1 (29) maestroangel (2716)-thujer (2783) Blitz 2021]

6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nxd5 8.c4 Nf6 9.Be2 0-0 10.Be3 Nc6 11.d5 Ne7 12.g4 Nfxd5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qd2 Bxg4 15.Bxg4 Qh4+ 16.Bf2 Qxg4 17.Qxd5 Qg2 18.0-0-0 Qxh1 19.Qg5 Qxh2 20.Bd4 f6 21.Qd5+ Kh8 22.Qxe4 Rfe8 23.Qf3 Rad8 24.Bf2 Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 c6 26.Ne2 a6 27.Bb6 Qh4 28.Kd2 Qh6 29.a4 Qg6 30.f5 Qf7 31.a5 Qc4 32.Nd4 Re5 33.c3 h6 34.Bc7 Qa2+ 35.Kd3 Re7 36.Bd6 Rd7 37.Bb4 c5 38.Bxc5 Qxa5 39.Bb4 Qd8 40.Kc2 a5 41.Ba3 Qc7 42.Qe4 Qe5 43.Qxe5 fxe5 44.Nf3 e4 45.Ne5 Rd5 46.Ng6+ Kh7 47.Nf8+ Kg8 48.Ng6 h5 49.Ne7+ Kh7 50.Nxd5 Kh6 51.Bd6 h4 52.Nf4 h3 53.Nxh3 e3 54.Ng1 g5 55.Ne2 g4 56.Nd4 g3 57.Bf8+ 1-0 (57) MilfSalvatore (2768)-Aciboba (2716) Blitz 2020

5.Qe2 Bf5

[5...Be7 6.Nxe4 Nxd5 7.g3 0-0 8.Nf3 Re8 9.Bg2 Bf8 10.Ne5 f6 11.d4 fxe5 12.fxe5 Bf5 13.0-0 Bg6 14.h4 Nc6 15.c3 Nb6 16.Be3 Be7 17.h5 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Bg5 19.Bf2 Qd7 20.Rae1 Qh3 21.Bg2 Qe6 22.c4 Nxd4 23.Bxd4 Nxc4 24.b3 Nb6 25.Bxb7 Rad8 26.Rd1 Nd5 27.Ba6 c5 28.Bxc5 Nc3 29.Qf3 Rxd1 30.Bc4 1-0 (30) Zvjaginsev,V (2658)-Chuprov,D (2554) Krasnoyarsk RUS 2007]

6.d3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.dxe4 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Nxe4 10.0-0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Re8 12.Qc4 Re4 13.Qb5 Nd7 14.Bd3

a6 15.Qa5 Rxf4 16.Ne2 b6 17.Qa3 Rf2 18.Rhf1 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Rxf1 20.Rxf1 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Qxg2 22.Ng3 Qxd5 23.d4 Re8 24.Nf5 Qb5+ 0-1 (24) Ponomariov,R (2712)-Ding, L (2766) Huai'an CHN 2016

5.Bb5+ c6 6.dxc6 bxc6 7.Bc4 Bc5 8.d3 exd3 9.Qxd3 Qe7+ 10.Qe2 Qxe2+ 11.Ngxe2 0-0 12.Bd2 Re8 13.0-0-0 Ng4 14.Ng3 Ba6 15.Bb3 Nf2 16.Rhe1 Nd7 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Re1 Ng4 1-0 (18) Koestner,W (2433)-Peschen,R (1612) www.remoteschach.de 2012

[35] **5...Bc5** 6.d4
[6.d3 Bg4 7.Nge2 Qe7 8.d4 Bd6 9.h3 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nbd7 11.g4 h6 12.Bd2 a6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bb3 Nb6 15.g5 hxg5 16.fxg5 Nh5 17.Nxe4 0-0-0 18.Nxd6+ Qxd6 19.Rhf1 Rd7 20.Qg4 Kb7 21.Kb1 Nc4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Rf5 g6 24.Re5 Ng7 25.Bb4 Qxb4 26.Qxd7 Nf5 27.Qc6+ Kb8 28.Re8+ Rxe8 29.Qxe8+ Ka7 30.Qc6 Qa5 31.Qc5+ Qb6 32.c3 1-0 (32) Rzayev,B (2760)-Babasss (2572) Blitz 2022]
6...exd3 7.Qxd3 0-0 8.Bd2 Ng4 9.Ne4 Bf5 10.0-0-0 Nf2 0-1 (10) sillyMASTER (2791)-Chesstomioka (2570) Blitz 2021

5...c6 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Nb5 Bc5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bd2 a6 13.Na3 b5 14.Bxf7 Ke7 15.Bb3 Rd8 16.0-0-0 Bg4 17.Rde1 Bf2 18.h3 Bxe1 19.Rxe1 Be6 20.g4 Bxb3 21.axb3 Kf7 22.g5 Nh5 23.Rxe4 Ng3 24.Re1 Re8 25.Rd1 Ne2+ 26.Kb1 Rad8 27.c4 Nxf4 28.cxb5 axb5 29.Nxb5 Re2 30.Kc2 Nxh3 31.Nc3 Rg2 32.b4 Kg6 33.Ne4 Kf5 34.Re1 Nxg5 35.Nxg5 Rdxd2+ 36.Kc3 Kxg5 37.Re5+ Kf6 38.Re4 Rc2+ 39.Kb3 Rxb2+ 40.Ka4 Kf5 41.Re7 Rg4 0-1 (41) Nadigraj (2768)-NoRolex (2819) Blitz 2022

5...Bg4 6.Nge2 Bc5 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Nxd5 9.d4 Qh4+ 10.Kd2 e3+ 11.Kd3 Nxf4+ 12.Nxf4 Nc6 13.Bxe3 0-0-0 14.Bd5 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Nxh5 Rhe8 17.Kxd4 Qf2+ 18.Kc4 a6 19.a4 1-0 (19) Pedda24 (2700)-DanilNajdin (2578) Blitz 2022

[36] **9.Ba2** Re8 10.h3 a6 11.d4 Nf8 12.Be3 b5 13.f5 Bb6 14.Kh1 Bb7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 N8h7 17.Nf4 e3 18.Qd3 Ng5 19.Rae1 c6 20.dxc6 Bxc6 21.d5 Bb7 22.Re2 Qd6 23.Bg3 Nge4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Bh2 Nf2+ 26.Rexf2 exf2 27.Ne6 Qd7 28.Be5 fxe6 29.fxe6 Qe7 30.d6 Bxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qg5+ 32.Qg3 Qf5 33.Qxg7# 1-0 (33) avantage_ru (2822)-drawingchest (2644) Blitz 2021

[37] **5.Bb5+** RR: '!?' RR: 'Un coup naturel pour essayer d'exploiter le ♙ d5 qui doit tomber à terme' 5...Bd7
[5...c6 6.dxc6
A) 6...bxc6 7.Bc4 Bd6 *(RR: 'RR' 7...Nbd7 8.d4 Nb6 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Bxf4 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Ba2 Ba6 14.Qf2 Nbd5 15.Nge2 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Rb8 17.Rb1 Bd6 18.Qf3 c5 19.d5 Rb7 20.0-0 Re8 21.Rf2 Rbe7 22.Ng3* RR: 'Kurenkov,N (2413)-Shinkevich, V (2427)/Kazan 2001/EXT 2002/ 0-1' *)* 8.Qe2+ Kf8 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 *(11...Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Be6* RR: '=' *13.Qxc6 Rc8 14.Qb5* RR: '=' *)* 12.dxe5 Bg4 *(12...Ng4 13.Bxf4 Qd4 14.Bxf7* RR: '!!' *Qxf4 15.Rf1*

Qxh2 16.0-0-0 RR: '↑' *)* 13.Qf2 Nxc4 14.Qc5+ Qe7 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.exf6+ Kxf6 17.0-0 g5 *(17...Bf5 18.Rxf4 Ne5 19.g4 Nxg4 20.Ne4+ Kg6 21.Nd6 Be6 22.Nxf7* RR: '!' *Rhf8 23.Nd6)* 18.Bxf4 RR: '!' Rhe8 *(18...gxf4 19.Rxf4+ Kg5 20.Rxc4; 18...Kg6 19.b3 Nb6)* 19.b3 Nb6 20.Be3+ Kg6 21.Bd4 f5 22.h3 Be2 23.Rfe1 Ba6 24.Bxb6 *(24.Rad1; 24.a4 Rad8 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.a5* RR: '±' *)* 24...axb6 25.Na4 Rad8 26.Nxb6 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rd2 RR: '⩲' 28.g4 fxg4 29.hxg4 Be2 RR: '!' 30.a4 Rxc2 31.a5 h5 32.gxh5+ Kxh5 33.Nc4 Ra2 34.Ne5 Bb5 35.Rc1 Rxa5 36.Kf2 g4 37.Kg3 Ra3 38.Rc3 c5 39.Rxc5 Rxb3+ 40.Nf3+ Kh6 ½-½ (40) Algeo,T (2408)-Koh,S (2520) Astana 2007 Telechess CBM 167 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001];

B) 6...Nxc6 7.Nf3 *(7.b3 Bc5 8.Qe2+ Be6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.0-0-0 Re8 12.Qa6 Ng4 13.Nh3 Qc7 14.Rdf1 Bd6 15.Ne4 Be5 16.d4 Bd6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Nxf4 Ne3 19.Rf3 Bf5 20.Nd3 Bg6 21.Rg3 Qd5 22.Re1 Nxg2 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Ne5 Nf4 25.Qxc6 Qxc6 26.Nxc6 Ne2+ 27.Kd2 Nxg3 28.hxg3 h5 29.c4 Be4 30.d5 f6 31.Nxa7 g5 32.Bxf6 h4* 0-1 (32) Agmihoad (2777)-Nozdrachev,V (2495) Blitz 2022*)* 7...Bd6 8.Qe2+ Be6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nd4 0-0 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6+ Kh8 13.0-0 Re8 14.Qh3 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Re5 16.d3 Rh5 17.Qf3 Rf8 18.a4 Qc5 19.Bxf4 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 1-0 (20) wizkidpro (2798)-CaptainSploosh (2600) Blitz 2022]

6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2+ Qe7 8.b3 Na6 9.Bb2 0-0-0 10.Bxa6 bxa6 11.0-0-0 Qxe2 12.Ngxe2 Rhe8 13.Rdf1 g5 14.h4 h6 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.g3 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Rxe2 18.gxf4 Bc6 19.Nc3 Ree8 20.fxg5 Bxh1 21.Rxh1 Bf4 22.Na4 Bxd2+ 23.Kb1 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Bxe1 25.Bf6 Rd5 26.c4 Rf5 27.Kc2 Bh4 28.Bd4 Bxg5 29.Bxa7 Be7 30.Be3 Rf3 31.Kd2 f5 32.Ke2 Rh3 33.Nc3 Bd6 34.Nd1 Rh2+ 35.Nf2 Bg3 36.Kf3 Bxf2 37.Bxf2 Kb7 38.a4 Rh3+ 39.Bg3 a5 40.Kf4 Kc6 41.Kf3 Kc5 42.Kg2 Rxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Kb4 44.Kf4 Kxb3 45.c5 Kxa4 46.Kxf5 Kb5 47.c6 Kxc6 48.Ke6 a4 49.Ke5 a3 0-1 (49) Agmihoad (2809)-AdamLi15 (2746) Blitz 2022

5.Nf3 transposes to King's Gambit 5...Nxd5 Breutigam,Martin: ', White has difficulties recovering the pawn, e.g. ' Breutigam,Martin: ', hat Weiß Schwierigkeiten, den Bauern zurückzugewinnen, z.B.' 6.d4

[6.Bc4 Be6 *(6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd6 8.d4 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Re1 Nb6 13.Rxe6 Qd7 14.Re1 Rae8 15.Rxe8 Rxe8 16.Qd3 Qe6 17.Bd2 Qxa2 18.Rf1 Qc4 19.Ng5 Qxd3 20.cxd3 Nd5 21.c4 Ne3 22.Ra1 Nc2 23.Rxa7 Nxd4 24.Rxb7 h6 25.Ne4 Be5 26.Kf2 Ra8 27.Bc3 Ra2+ 28.Rb2 Rxb2+ 29.Bxb2 Nc6 30.Bc1 Bd4+ 31.Ke2 g5 32.h4 gxh4 33.Bxf4 Kg7 34.Bxc7 Kg6 35.Nd2 Kf5 36.Nf3 Kg4 37.Nxd4 Nxd4+ 38.Ke3 Nf5+ 39.Ke4 Ng3+ 40.Ke5 Ne2 41.d4 Nf4 42.d5 Nxg2 43.Ke6 h3 44.Be5 Nf4+ 45.Bxf4 Kxf4 46.d6 h2 47.d7 h1Q 48.d8Q Qe4+ 49.Kd7 Qd4+*

50.Ke8 Qxd8+ 51.Kxd8 h5 52.c5 h4 53.c6 h3 54.c7 h2 55.c8Q h1Q 56.Qc7+ Kf3 57.Qd7 Kg2 58.Qc6+ Kh2 59.Qxh1+ Kxh1 ½-½ (59) JakaRacman (2702)-unknown-maestro_2450 (2620) Blitz 2024*)* 7.Qe2 Nxc3 *(7...Be7 8.Nxd5 Bxd5 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.d3 Nc6 11.Bxf4 0-0-0 12.0-0 Rhe8 13.Qd2 Bf6 14.Bg5 Rd6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.b3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 18.Kh1 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 f6 20.h3 a6 21.a4 Kb8 22.Re1 Re5 23.Rxe5 Qxe5 24.d4 Qe4 25.d5 Qe5 26.c4 g5 27.Qd1 Qg3 28.c5 Kc8 29.Qg4+ Qxg4 30.hxg4 a5 31.Kh2 Kd7 32.Kg3 b6 33.cxb6 cxb6 34.Kf3 Kd6 35.Ke4 Kc5 36.Kf5 Kxd5 37.Kxf6 Kc5 38.Kxg5 Kb4 39.Kh6 Kxb3 40.Kxh7 Kxa4 41.g5 b5 42.g6 b4 43.g7 b3 44.g8Q Ka3 45.Qg7 a4 46.Qa1+ Kb4 47.g4 a3 48.g5 b2 49.Qa2* 1-0 (49) MichaelWilliams (2709)-Roberto_Baggio1978 (2602) Blitz 2021 *)* 8.bxc3 Qd6 9.d4 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bxe6 Qxe6 12.Qxe6 fxe6 13.Bxf4 Nd7 14.Rae1 Nf8 15.c4 Rd8 16.c3 h6 17.Re2 g5 18.Bc7 Rd7 19.Bg3 Rh7 20.Ne5 Rd8 21.Rb2 b6 22.a4 Rc8 23.a5 Bd8 24.a6 Nd7 25.Rbf2 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 Be7 27.h3 h5 28.g3 Kd7 29.Kg2 Rg8 30.Rf7 Rxf7 31.Rxf7 Rf8 32.Rh7 h4 33.g4 b5 34.c5 Re8 35.Rg7 Kc8 36.Bd6 Bxd6 37.cxd6 Rd8 38.Rxa7 Rxd6 39.Rg7 c5 40.Rg8+ Kc7 41.a7 Ra6 42.a8Q Rxa8 43.Rxa8 b4 44.cxb4 cxb4 45.Kf3 Kc6 46.Ke4 Kb5 47.Ke5 Kc4 48.Rb8 b3 49.Rxb3 Kxb3 50.Kxe6 1-0 (50) rfelgaer (2721)-Voorzitter-HMC (2652) Blitz 2021]

[6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.d4

A) 7...Be7 8.Be2 *(8.Bxf4* Breutigam,Martin: '??' *Qe4+; 8.Bd3 g5 9.Qe2 Bf5 10.0-0 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nc6 12.c4 Qd6 13.d5 f6 14.Bd2 Ne5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Bc3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Bf6 18.b4 Rfe8 19.Qf5 b6 20.Kh1 h6 21.c5 Qe7 22.Rad1 Bg7 23.d6 cxd6 24.Rxd6 bxc5 25.bxc5 Rac8 26.Rd5 Qf7 27.Qe4 g4 28.Red1 Rc6 29.Rd7 Qg6 30.Qd5+ Qe6 31.Kg1 Qxd5 32.R1xd5 Rec8 33.Bxe5* ½-½ (33) Nightingale,D (2512)-Blake,M (2234) ICCF 2016*)* 8...g5 Breutigam,Martin: '∓';

B) 7...Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.c4 Qh5 11.c5 Be7 12.Bxf4 Bg4 13.d5 Bxc5+ 14.Kh1 Nd4 15.Bxc7 Nxf3 16.gxf3 Bh3 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Re4 f5 19.Re6 Rac8 20.Bg3 Rcd8 21.Qe2 f4 22.Bxf4 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Kh8 24.Bc4 Rd4 25.Bb5 Rxe6 0-1 (25) tornike_sanikidze (2707)-hayk_yeritsyann (2622) Blitz 2023]

6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Re1 b6 11.Be4 Rb8 12.c4 Ba6 13.Qd3 Nf6 14.Bc6 Qc8 15.Bd2 Qg4 16.Re2 Rbd8 17.Rae1 h6 18.Kh1 Kh8 19.Bc3 Bc8 20.d5 Bf5 21.Qd2 Nh5 22.Ne5 Qh4 23.Kg1 Bc5+ 24.Bd4 Bg4 25.Rf2 Bd6 26.Qc3 a5 27.a3 Kg8 28.Ref1 Ng3 29.Nxg4 Qxg4 30.hxg3 fxg3 31.Rf5 Qh4 32.R1f3 Qh2+ 33.Kf1 Qh1+ 34.Bg1 Bc5 35.Re3 Rd6 36.Rff3 Rg6 37.Qe5 Bxe3 38.Qxe3 Rd8 39.Rxg3 Rxc6 40.dxc6 Rd1+ 41.Ke2 Rxg1 42.Qc3 Rxg2+ 43.Rxg2 Qxg2+ 44.Kd1 Qxc6 45.Kc1 h5 46.Qe5 g6 47.Qf4 Qd6 48.Qe4 Qxa3+ 49.Kb1 Qd6 50.Ka2 Qf6 51.Qd5 Kg7 52.Qb7 h4 53.Qxc7 h3 54.Qg3 Qe6 55.Qc3+ f6 56.Qg3 Qxc4+ 57.Kb2 Qe6

58.Qc7+ Qf7 59.Qf4 g5 60.Qg3 Qh5 61.Qc7+ Kh6 62.Qg3 Qg6 63.Qxh3+ Kg7 64.Qg3 f5 65.Qe5+ Qf6 66.Kb3 Qxe5 67.Ka4 Qe4+ 68.Kb5 Qe5+ 69.Ka6 Qe6 70.Kb7 f4 71.Ka6 f3 72.Kb7 Qe7+ 73.Ka6 Qd6 74.Kb7 Qb4 75.Ka6 Qc4+ 76.Kb7 Qc3 77.Ka7 Qxc2 78.Ka8 Qc4 79.Ka7 Qb4 80.Ka8 a4 81.Ka7 Qa5+ 82.Kb8 Qb5 83.Kb7 a3 84.Kb8 Qa5 85.Kb7 Qc5 86.Kb8 Qd5 87.Kc7 Qd6+ 0-1 (87) chessplay8 (2761)-sonnythehedgehog (2728) Blitz 2023

[38] **5...Nxd5** 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Bxf4 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Bd3
[9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Be6N 11.Kb1 Nd7=]
9...Qb4+ 10.Kf1 Qxb2 11.Qe1+ Kf8 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Rb1 Qa3 14.d5 Ne7 15.Qe5 Qd6 16.c4 Qxe5 17.Nxe5 f6 18.Nf3 b6 19.Kf2 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.Rbc1 Kf7 22.c5 Rhe8 23.Rhd1 Rad8 24.Rd3 Re7 25.g4 Nh6 26.h3 Red7 27.d6 bxc5 28.dxc7 Rxd3 29.cxd8Q Rxd8 30.Rxc5 Rd7 31.Ke3 Ng8 32.Nd4 Ne7 33.Ke4 Rb7 34.a3 Rd7 35.Rh5 h6 36.Rc5 Ng6 37.Nf5 Ne5 38.a4 Nd3 39.Rc3 a5 40.Rxd3 1-0 (40) sillyMASTER (2772)-iakov98 (2672) Blitz 2022

5...Bd6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 Bb4 8.Bc4 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 f6 12.Ng4 f3 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Nc6 15.Bf4 Rf7 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.Ne3 Bg6 18.Kf2 Rc8 19.Rab1 b6 20.Re2 Rd7 21.d5 Na5 22.h4 c6 23.d6 Bf7 24.a3 g6 25.Ng4 Kg7 26.Bh6+ Kh8 27.Nxf6 Rxd6 28.Ng4 Re6 29.Rxe6 Bxe6 30.Nf6 Nb7 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.Re1 Nc5 33.Kg3 Rc8 34.Be3 Kg7 35.Bd4 Kf7 36.Nxh7 Bf5 37.Ng5+ Kf8 38.Bxc5+ bxc5 39.Re2 Rb8 40.Kf4 Rb2 41.Re5 Rxc2 42.Rxc5 Rh2 43.Ke5 Rxh4 44.Rxc6 Ra4 45.Kf6 Ke8 46.Rc7 Kd8 47.Rb7 Rxa3 48.Nf7+ Kc8 49.Nd6+ Kd8 50.Nf7+ Kc8 51.Nd6+ Kd8 52.Nf7+ ½-½ (52) maestroangel (2745)-sugeng_prasetyo (2629) Blitz 2021

[39] **6...Qe7** 7.Qxe7+ Kxe7 8.Bxf4 Nxd5 9.Bd2 Nxc3
[9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 Re8 11.Bd3 Kf8+ 12.Kf2 Nf6 *(12...Kg8 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.c4 Ndb4 15.d5 Nxd3+ 16.cxd3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Rhe1 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Bf5 20.Re7 Rc8 21.Ke3 Kf8 22.Bb4 Kg8 23.d4 b6 24.c5 h6 25.c6 a5 26.Ba3 Bb1 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.d6 Rxc6 29.d7 Rc3+ 30.Kf2 Rxa3 31.d8Q+ Kh7 32.Qxb6 Rxa2+ 33.Ke3 Bg6 34.d5 a4 35.d6 Ra3+ 36.Kf4 Rd3 37.Qa6 Rd4+ 38.Ke5 Rd2 39.Qxa4 f6+ 40.Ke6 Re2+ 41.Kd5 Bf7+ 42.Kc5 Be6 43.Qd1 Re5+ 44.Kb6 Bd7 45.Qc2+ Kg8 46.Qc7 Be6 47.d7 Bxd7 48.Qxd7 Rg5 49.Qe6+ Kh7 50.g3 Re5 51.Qd6 Kg6 52.Qd3+ Kf7 53.h4 h5 54.Kc6 Ke7 55.Qd6+ Kf7 56.Qd2 Kg6 57.Qd3+ Kf7 58.Qd1 Re6+ 59.Kd5 Re5+ 60.Kd4 Kf8 61.Qf3 Re7 62.Qxh5 Rd7+ 63.Ke4 Re7+ 64.Kf3 Rf7 65.Qh8+ Ke7 66.Qh5 f5 67.Qg4 Ke6 68.Qg5 Rf6 69.Qf4* 1-0 (69) WorldChessPoker (2703)-GambitoAzul (2626) Blitz 2021*)* 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Rhe1 Be6 15.a3 Bd5 16.Bf4 Ne4+ 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Bxc7 Bxc2 19.Bd6+ Kg8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1 Rxe1 22.Nxe1 Be4 23.Ke3 Bd5 24.Kd3 Na5 25.g3 Nc4 26.Be7 f6 27.Nc2 Kf7 28.Bd8 a5 29.Bc7 Ke6 30.Ne3 Nxe3 31.Kxe3 a4 32.Ba5 g5 33.Bb4 h5 34.h4 Kf5

35.Be7 b5 36.Kf2 Ke4 37.Bxf6 gxh4 38.gxh4 Kd3 39.Be7 Kxc3 40.Ke3 Kc4 41.Bc5 Bc6 42.Bb4 Kd5 43.Bc5 Bd7 44.Kd3 Bf5+ 45.Kc3 Bd7 46.Kb4 Be8 47.Kc3 Bd7 48.Kb4 Ke4 49.Kc3 Bc6 50.Kb4 Kf4 51.Ba7 Kg4 52.Kc5 Be8 53.d5 Kxh4 54.Kd6 Bf7 55.Ke5 Kg3 56.d6 Be8 57.Bb8 Bd7 58.Kf6 h4 59.Ke7 h3 60.Kxd7 h2 61.Kc8 h1Q 62.d7+ Kg4 63.d8Q Qc6+ 64.Bc7 Qa8+ 65.Bb8 Qc6+ 66.Bc7 Qa6+ 67.Kb8 b4 68.Qd7+ Kf3 69.axb4 a3 70.Qf7+ Ke2 71.Qa2+ Kd3 72.Bd6 Qxd6+ 73.Kc8 Qxb4 74.Qb1+ Qxb1 0-1 (74) Ellaijio (2716)-HeraKlin0S (2726) Blitz 2022]

10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Bd3 Be6

[11...Re8 12.Ne2 h6 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Nf4 Nf6 15.Rae1+ Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Bc4 Bd7 18.Nd3 Be7 19.Ne5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Re1 Rd8 22.h3 c5 23.Nd3 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxe6 Re4 26.Rxe4 Nxe4 27.Be3 a6 28.Bd4 Kf7 29.g4 g6 30.Kg2 Bd6 31.Kf3 Ng5+ 32.Kg2 Ke6 33.Be3 Nf7 34.Nc5+ Bxc5 35.Bxc5 Kd5 36.Bf8 Kc4 37.Bg7 Kb4 38.Bb2 a5 39.h4 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.Kf3 a4 42.a3+ Kc4 43.Kf4 b5 44.Kf5 b4 45.Kg6 bxa3 46.Bxa3 Ne5+ 47.Kxh5 Nf3 48.Bb2 a3 49.Ba1 Kd5 50.Kg4 Nxh4 51.Kxh4 Ke4 52.Kg3 1-0 (52) Ellaijio (2700)-Karl0choa (2620) Blitz 2023]

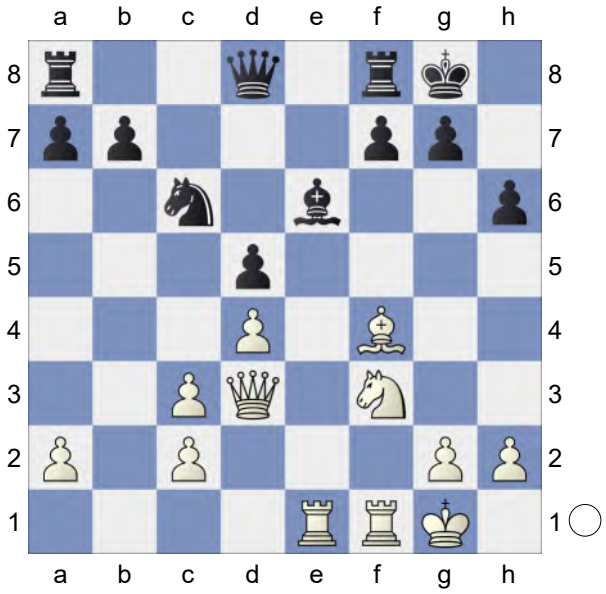
12.Ne2 Re8 13.Nf4 Kf8 14.Nxe6+ Rxe6+ 15.Kf2 Nd7 16.Rhe1 Rae8 17.Rxe6 Rxe6 18.Rb1 b6 19.c4 Bd6 20.g3 c5 21.d5 Re7 22.a4 Ne5 23.a5 Bc7 24.axb6 axb6 25.h3 g6 26.Bh6+ Ke8 27.Bg5 f6 28.Bf4 Kd8 29.Ra1 Kd7 30.Ra7 Re8 31.Be2 Kc8 32.Ra8+ Kd7 33.Ra7 Kc8 34.h4 Kb8 35.Ra1 Nd7 36.Bxc7+ Kxc7 37.Ra7+ Kd6 38.Bd3 Re7 39.Rb7 g5 40.h5 h6 41.Bf5 Rf7 42.Be6 Re7 43.g4 Nf8 44.Rxb6+ Ke5 45.Bf5 Kd4 46.Rxf6 1-0 (46) Ellaijio (2744)-RaffaelloSanti (2700) Blitz 2023

[40] **7...Nxd5** 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qe4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nf6 12.Qd3 Qxd4 13.0-0-0 Qxd3 14.Bxd3 Ne5 15.Be2 c6 16.Rhg1 Re8 17.Rg2 Ng6 18.a3 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Nf4 20.Bf1 Nxg2 21.Bxg2 Nd5 22.Bd2 Re2 23.Rg1 f6 24.h4 Kf7 25.Bf1 Rh2 26.Bd3 Rxh4 27.b4 g6 28.Kb2 Re8 29.Kb3 Nf4 30.Bc4+ Kg7 31.Bf1 Ne2 32.Rg2 Nd4+ 33.Kb2 Nxf3 34.Bc3 Ne5 35.a4 Rf4 36.Be2 Nc4+ 37.Bxc4 Rxc4 38.b5 cxb5 39.axb5 Rc5 40.Rf2 Rxb5+ 41.Kc1 Re6 42.Rd2 Kf7 43.Rd7+ Re7 44.Rd8 h5 45.Rd6 Rb6 46.Rd8 Rc6 47.Bd4 Rec7 48.c3 Rxc3+ 49.Kb2 Rd3 50.Rd6 Rxd4 51.Rxd4 Ke6 52.Kb3 Rh7 53.Re4+ Kf5 54.Re1 h4 55.Re7 Rxe7 0-1 (55) Ellaijio (2703)-EqualiZ3R (2698) Blitz 2023

[41] **9.Bd3** Nc6 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Ne5 Nxd4 12.0-0 Kg8 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ne6 15.Rab1 b6 16.Rb5 Qxa3 17.Bh6 Qe7 18.Rxf6 Qxf6 19.Nxg4 Qh4 20.Qe2 c5 21.g3 Qd8 22.Rb1 c4 23.Bxc4 Qe7 24.Qe5 Qc5+ 25.Qxc5 Nxc5 26.Rf1 Ne6 27.Bc1 Rc8 28.Bd5 Rxc3 29.Ne5 Rc5 30.c4 Nd8 31.Re1 h5 32.Ng6 Ne6 33.Ba3 Rc8 34.Nxh8 Kxh8 35.Re5 Rc7 36.Rxh5+ Kg8 37.Re5 Kh7 38.Kf2 Nd4 39.Re7 Rxe7 40.Bxe7 Kg6 41.Ba3 Nb3 42.Be4+ f5 43.Bc2 Nd4 44.Bb1 Nc6 45.Bb2 Na5 46.Bd3 Kf7 47.Ke2 g6 48.Kf3 Nb3 49.Kf4 Nc5 50.Bc2 Nd7 51.h4 Nc5 52.Ke5 Nd7+ 53.Kd6 Nc5 54.Ke5 Nb7

55.Kf4 Na5 56.Ba4 Nxc4 57.Bb3 b5 58.Bxc4+ bxc4 59.Bc3 Ke6 60.Bb2 a5 61.Kg5 Kf7 62.Bc3 a4 63.Bb2 a3 64.Bxa3 c3 65.Bc1 Kg7 66.Ba3 1-0 (66) duchessAI (2808)-dumb_by_abulmo-bot (2509) Blitz 2025

[42] **5...c6** 6.dxc6
[6.d4 Nxd5 *(6...cxd5 7.Bb3 Bd6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 g5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Nc6 12.c3 Bg4* Black's better development outweighs his doubled pawns;*)* 7.Bxd5 cxd5 8.Bxf4 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bb4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Qd3 h6 13.Rae1 Be6? *(13...Re8=)*



Erlaubt... 14.Bxh6 gxh6? *(*Spielbar war nur *14...Qf6 15.Bg5 Qf5 16.Qe2±)* 15.Rxe6 fxe6 16.Qg6+ Kh8 17.Qxh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Ng5 Die Pointe. Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Qf8+ 21.Nf7+ 1-0 (21) Ponomariov,R (2712)-Wang, Y (2718) Huaian 2016 CBM 171 Extra [Schulz,Andre]]
6...Nxc6 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.Na4
[8.Qe2+ Kd7 9.d3 Re8 10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.dxe4 Qf6 12.Bd2 Qxb2 13.Rd1 Ke7 14.Bb3 Be6 15.Qb5 Bd6 16.Qxb7+ Bd7 17.Bxf4 Qc3+ 18.Kf1 1-0 (18) Nakamura,H (2787)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023]
8...Bd6
[8...Bb6 9.Nxb6 Qxb6 10.d4 0-0 11.c3 Re8+ 12.Kf1 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Qb3 Qa6+ 15.Kg1 Qe2 16.Bxf4 Ng4 17.Rf1 Rae8 18.h3 Ne3 19.Rf2 Qd3 20.Kh2 Rf6 21.Bxe3 Qxe3 22.Rhf1 Qf4+ 23.Kg1 Qg3 24.d5 Ne5 25.Qd1 Ng6 26.Kh1 Nf4 27.Ng1 Rg6 28.Qf3 Qxf3 29.Nxf3 Nxd5 30.Nd4 f6 31.Nf5 Rg5 32.Rd2 Ne3 33.Nxe3 Rxe3 34.Rd7 Re2 35.Rg1 Rxb2 36.Kh2 h5 37.a4 Kh7 38.Rc7 Kh6 39.Rc4 Ra2 40.Rd4 a6 41.Rb4 Ra5 42.Rb5 axb5 0-1 (42) Nakamura,H (2787)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023]
9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.c3 Re8 12.h3 Bh5 13.Be2 Ne4 14.Bd3 Ng3 15.Rf2 Qf6 16.Bd2 Ne4 17.Rf1 Ng3 18.Rf2 Ne4 19.Rf1 Re7 20.d5 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ne5 23.Be4 b5 24.Nc5 Bxc5+ 25.Kh1 Be3 26.Qg2 g6 27.d6 Qxd6 28.Bxa8 Nc4 29.Rad1 Qf6 30.Bd5 Ne5 31.Be4 Kg7 32.Rd5 Bb6 33.b3 a6 34.Rfd1 Qh4 35.Rd6 Bf2 36.Rxa6 Bg3 37.Rb6 Ra7 38.Rd2 Be1 39.Rc2 Rd7 40.Rc1 Rd2 41.Qf1 Qg3 0-1 (41) Nakamura,H (2787)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023
5...Nbd7 6.Nf3
[6.Bb3 Nc5 7.Qf3 Nxb3 8.axb3 Bd6 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qf2 Re8 12.Nxf4 Bb4 13.d4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.c4 Qe6 17.d5 Qg6 18.Be3 h5 19.Rae1 f6

20.Bf4 c6 21.d6 Re4 22.Rxe4 Qxe4 23.h3 Bd7 24.Re1 Qf5 25.Re7 Re8 26.Qg3 Rxe7 27.dxe7 Kf7 28.Be3 Qxc2 29.Qb8 Be8 30.Qxb7 Qe4 31.Qxa7 Qxe7 32.Qd4 Qe6 33.Qc5 Qe4 34.b4 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qb3 36.Bf4 Kg8 37.b5 cxb5 38.Qc8 Kf7 39.Qb7+ Kg8 40.Qe7 Bf7 41.c5 Bd5 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qxh5+ Kg8 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Bd6 Qc4 46.Bf8 Qc2 47.Qh5+ Kg8 48.Qxd5+ Kxf8 49.Qd6+ Kf7 50.c6 b4 51.c7 b3 52.Qd7+ Kg6 53.c8Q Qxc8 54.Qxc8 b2 55.Qb7 1-0 (55) Nakamura,H (2787)-Ohanyan,E (2489) chess.com INT 2023]

6...Nb6 7.Bb3 Be7

[7...Nfxd5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.d4 Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxe7 Bg4 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Qc5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.Bxf4 Qh3 17.Rae1 Re6 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Bg3 Rf8 20.Qxc7 h5 21.Be5 Rf7 22.Qd8+ Kh7 23.Qg5 1-0 (23) Nakamura,H (2787)-Ohanyan,E (2489) chess.com INT 2023]

8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0 Bb4 10.d4 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nbxd5 12.c4 Ne3 13.Bxe3 fxe3 14.Qxe3 c6 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Rf4 Nd7 17.d5 Nxe5 18.dxe6 f6 19.c5 Qe7 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Rd6 Rxd6 22.cxd6 Qxd6 23.Rd4 Qe7 24.Rd2 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.e7+ 1-0 (26) Nakamura,H (2787)-Ohanyan,E (2489) chess.com INT 2023

5...Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nxf4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Qe1 Bxc3 11.dxc3 Nfxd5 12.Qg3 Nxf4 13.Qxg4 Ng6 14.Be3 Qh4 15.Qxh4 Nxh4 16.Bc5 Rfd8 17.Be7 Kh8 1-0 (17) Nakamura,H (2787)-Ohanyan,E (2489) chess.com INT 2023

[43] **6.Nge2** 0-0 7.0-0 Bg4 8.d4 g5 9.h4 h6 10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.hxg5 hxg5 12.g3 Nh5 13.gxf4 gxf4 14.Nxf4 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 f5 16.Qg3 Nf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Bd3 Nh5 20.Nb5 Rf6 21.Rae1 Kf7 22.Re6 Rxe6 23.dxe6+ Kf6 24.d5 Rg8 25.Kf2 Nf4 26.Nxd6 Nxd5 27.Nxb7 Rb8 28.Nc5 Rxb2 29.Kg3 Rb5 30.Bxb5 1-0 (30) squat2depth (2701)-Tiberius_NN (2621) Blitz 2021

[44] **7...Re8** 8.d3 Nbd7 9.a4 Ng4 10.Ne4 Ndf6 11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.Kh1 Ne3 13.Bxe3 fxe3 14.Qe2 Bg4 15.Rae1 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Qg2 Re6 20.Re2 Rae8 21.Rfe1 h5 22.Nh4 Qg5 23.gxh5 Qxg2+ 24.Nxg2 Bxh5 25.Rxe3 Rxe3 26.Rxe3 Rxe3 27.Nxe3 Kf8 28.Kg2 Ke7 29.Kg3 Ke6 30.Kf4 f6 31.h4 Be8 32.a5 Ba4 33.d4 Be8 34.c4 g6 35.b4 Ba4 36.d5+ Ke7 37.c5 Bb3 38.Ke4 Ba2 39.b5 Bb1+ 40.Kd4 g5 41.hxg5 fxg5 42.Ke5 Bd3 43.Nf5+ Kd7 44.c6+ bxc6 45.bxc6+ Kd8 46.d6 Bxf5 47.dxc7+ Kxc7 48.Kxf5 Kxc6 49.Kxg5 Kb5 50.Kf4 Kxa5 51.Ke3 Kb4 52.Kd2 Kb3 53.Kc1 Ka2 54.Kc2 a5 55.Kc1 a4 56.Kc2 a3 57.Kc1 Ka1 58.Kc2 Ka2 59.Kc1 Kb3 60.Kb1 a2+ 61.Ka1 Ka3 ½-½ (61) efourwhitewins (2794)-iplayfortnite (2620) Blitz 2022

7...Nbd7 8.Bb3!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. 8...Nb6 9.d4 Ng4 10.h3 Ne3 11.Bxe3 fxe3 12.Ne5N

[Predecessor: 12.Qd3 Re8 13.Rae1 Bf4 14.d6 cxd6 15.Ne2 Bh6 16.Bxf7+ Kh8 17.Bxe8 Qxe8 18.Nh4 1-0 Bagdasarov,E (1928)-Meteliov,B (1600) Moscow Petrosian Memorial op 2015 (9)]

12...Qe7 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh6 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Rf3 Qg7 18.Qf4 Re7 19.d6 cxd6 20.Rexe3 Be6 21.Ne4 Kh8 22.Nf6 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Rxe6 Qxb2 26.Rxd6 Rxd6 27.Qxd6 Qg7 28.Re3 Rf8 29.Re7 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qxa2 31.Qe5+ 1-0 (31) Nakamura,H (2787)-Ohanyan,E (2489) Chess.com INT 2023

45 **8.dxc6** Nxc6 9.d4 Bg4 10.Ne2 Re8 11.c3 Qe7 12.Nxf4 Rad8 13.h3 Ne5 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Nxe4 18.Nd3 Ng3 19.Rf3 Re2 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.Nxf4 Re4 22.Rxg3 Rxf4 23.Re1 b5 24.Re7 b4 25.Rxa7 bxc3 26.bxc3 h6 27.Rf3 Rxf3 28.gxf3 Rc8 29.Ra3 Kh7 30.Kf2 Kg6 31.Ke3 Rd8 32.Kd3 Ra8 1-0 (32) Nakamura,H (2787)-Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2023

46 **9.Bd3** b4 10.Ne4 cxd5 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Qxe5 14.Bxf4 Qxb2 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Be5 Qxc2 18.Rac1 Qh7 19.Qxf7+ 1-0 (19) DeadNA (2935)-ma_long_ma (2737) Blitz 2021

47 **5.Qe2** Nxc3
[5...Qh4+ 6.g3 Nxg3 7.Qf3 0-1 (7) satlan (2736)-MrTroutstanding (2583) Blitz 2023]
[5...Bf5 6.Qb5+ Nd7 7.Qxd5 Qh4+ 8.g3 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Qxg3+ 10.Kd1 0-0-0 11.Nge2 Qg6 12.d3 Nc5 13.Qg2 Bg4 14.Qxg4+ Qxg4 15.Bh3 Qd7 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Be3 Ne6 18.Kd2 h5 19.Raf1 Ke8 20.Kc1 Be7 21.d4 c6 22.Ne4 h4 23.c3 g5 24.Rfg1 Rh5 25.N2g3 Rh8 26.Nf5 Rg8 27.Nxh4 Kd7 28.Nf5 Rdf8 29.Nxe7 1-0 (29) AttackSparrow (2727)-SlimFritz (2811) Blitz 2022]
6.dxc3 Be7 7.Bf4 0-0 8.0-0-0 c6 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.a3 Na6 11.Nd4 Nc5 12.Qe3 Na4 13.g4 Be6 14.Rg1 Nxb2 15.Kxb2 Bxa3+ 16.Kb1 c5 17.Nb3 Qa4 18.Bg5 Rfc8 19.Bf6 gxf6 20.exf6 Kh8 21.Bd3 Qe8 22.Bxh7 Kxh7 23.Qg5 Qf8 24.Rg3 Qh6 25.Rh3 1-0 (25) opperwezen (2893)-beatles_21 (2590) Blitz 2017
5.d4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Qh4+ 7.Ke2 Bg4+ 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Qd3 Nd7 10.g3 Qh5 11.h3 Bf5 12.Qe3 0-0 13.Bg2 Qg6 14.Nh4 Bxh4 15.g4 Be4 16.Bxe4 Qxe4 17.Qxe4 dxe4 18.Ba3 Rfe8 19.Ke3 f6 20.Kxe4 fxe5 21.d5 Nf6+ 22.Kd3 e4+ 0-1 (22) bsleeping79 (2731)-sebastien17 (2622) Blitz 2024

48 **5...Bc5** 6.Nxe4 dxe4 7.Qxe4 Nc6
[7...0-0 8.Nf3 *(8.d4 Qxd4 9.Qxd4 Bxd4 10.Nf3 Bxe5 11.Nxe5 Re8 12.Bf4 f6 13.Bc4+ Be6 14.0-0-0 fxe5 15.Bxe6+ Rxe6 16.Rd8+ Kf7 17.Bg3 h6 18.Re1 Re8 19.Rxe8 Kxe8 20.Bxe5 Kf7 21.Bxc7 Nc6 22.c3 h5 23.h3 Kg6 24.Re6+ Kf5 25.Rd6 Re8 26.Rd7 Re7 27.Rxe7 Nxe7 28.Kd2 Ke4 29.Ke2 b5 30.b3 Nd5 31.c4 Nxc7* 0-1 (31) IDISJUDA (2735)-Lucky1357924680 (2713) Blitz 2024 *)* 8...Nc6 9.c3 Be6 10.d4 Bd5 11.Qg4 *(11.Qh4 Be7 12.Qg4 f5 13.Qg3 Na5 14.Be2 c5 15.0-0 cxd4 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Ne5 Bf6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.cxd4 Qxb2 22.d5 Bxd5 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Nc6 25.Rab1 Qd4+ 26.Be3 Qd7 27.Qxf5 Qxf5 28.Rxb7+ Kg6 29.Rxf5 Kxf5 30.Rc7 Nd4 31.h3 Re8 32.Kf2 Bh4+ 33.g3 Bxg3+*

34.Kxg3 Rxe3+ 35.Kg2 Re2+ 36.Kg3 Rxa2 37.Rxg7 h6 38.Rd7 Ne6 39.Rd5+ Kf6 40.Rd6 a5 41.Ra6 a4 42.Kg4 a3 43.Kh5 Ra1 44.h4 a2 45.Ra4 Nc5 46.Ra5 Nb3 47.Ra3 Nc1 48.Ra6+ Kg7 49.Ra7+ Kf6 50.Ra6+ Ke5 51.Ra5+ Kd4 52.Ra4+ Kc3 53.Kxh6 Rb1 54.h5 a1Q 55.Rxa1 Rxa1 56.Kg7 Ra7+ 57.Kg8 Nd3 58.h6 Ne5 59.h7 Ng6 60.h8Q+ Nxh8 61.Kf8 Kd4 62.Ke8 Ke5 63.Kd8 Kd6 64.Kc8 Nf7 65.Kb8 Rc7 66.Ka8 Ne5 67.Kb8 Nc6+ 68.Ka8 Ra7# 0-1 (68) Aborigen100500 (2737)-buznik (2425) Rapid 2023*)* 11...f5 12.Qg3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.Bd2 f4 16.Qh4 Qxb2 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Qxd8+ Rf8 21.Qd2 Bb4 0-1 (21) AP-2804 (2744)-destroylevel (2569) Blitz 2024]

8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.c3 f5 11.Qe2 a6 12.Bc4 0-0-0 13.d4 1-0 (13) Asadli2001 (2869)-pupuchurru (2735) Blitz 2022

5...Qh4+ 6.g3 Qg4 7.Nxd5 Qxf3 8.Nxf3 Kd8 9.d3 Nc5 10.Bg5+ Kd7 11.Bh3+ Ne6 12.Nf4 h6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.0-0 Be7 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Ke8 18.Bg2 c5 19.Be3 Rb8 20.a4 Rf8 21.Be4 Bd7 22.b3 Bc6 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Bxc6+ bxc6 25.Kf2 Kf7 26.Kf3 Kg6 27.Ke4 Rb4+ 28.Kf3 Kf5 29.Bd2 Rb7 30.Re1 h5 31.h3 Rf7 32.g4+ Kg6+ 33.Kg2 Rd7 34.Be3 Rd5 35.Bf2 Be7 36.Re4 hxg4 37.hxg4 Bg5 38.Bg3 Bd2 39.Rc4 Kg5 40.Kf3 Bc1 41.Re4 Bb2 42.Bf4+ Kg6 43.Re2 Bc3 44.Bg3 Bb2 45.Bf4 Bc3 46.Re4 Bb2 47.Ke2 Bc3 48.Kd1 Kf7 49.Bd2 Bxe5 50.c4 Rxd3 51.Rxe5 Rxb3 52.Rxc5 1-0 (52) Aborigen100500 (2718)-MagicBum (2506) Rapid 2023

5...Ng5 6.Qxd5 Qe7 7.d4 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.h4 Ne6 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Be3 Ncxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxb5 13.Nf5 Qb4 14.Qxb5 Qg4 15.0-0 g6 16.Nh6 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Nd4 18.Qa5 Qxh4 19.Rxf7 Nf3+ 20.Rxf3 Qxh6 21.Qxa7 Rhf8 22.e6 c6 23.e7 Rxf3 24.Qa8+ Kd7 25.Qxd8+ Ke6 26.e8Q+ Kf5 27.Qe4# 1-0 (27) Lagarde,M (2655)-Costachi,M (2471) chess.com INT 2020

[49] **6.Nge2** Nc6 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 Bd5 9.Qf4 Be7 10.Ng3 Bg5 11.Qa4 0-0 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Rxc1 Qg5 14.Rd1 Qe3+ 15.Be2 Bxg2 16.Rd3 Qc1+ 17.Rd1 Qxb2 18.Rg1 Bh3 19.Qb3 Qxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Nh5 Bf5 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.c3 Ne7 24.Bf3 c6 25.Kf2 a5 26.Ra1 Ng8 27.Nh5+ Kh8 28.Ng3 Bc2 29.Ra3 f6 30.Rc1 Bd3 31.Rd1 Ba6 32.Rxa5 fxe5 33.Rxe5 Nf6 34.Kg2 Rae8 35.Rde1 Rxe5 36.Rxe5 Kg7 37.c4 Nd7 38.Re7+ Rf7 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Ne4 Ke7 41.Kg3 b6 42.Kf4 c5 43.dxc5 bxc5 44.h4 Bb7 45.h5 Bxe4 46.Bxe4 Kf6 47.hxg6 hxg6 48.Bd5 g5+ 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.Kd2 Nf6 51.Kc3 Nxd5+ 0-1 (51) Jamorris94 (2748)-Indichessking (2697) Blitz 2022

[50] **8.Qe3** Nc6

[8...Qh4+ 9.Qg3 Qe4+ 10.Kd1 Nc6 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.d3 Qa4 13.Qf4 Nb4 14.b3 Qc6 15.c4 Be4 16.Ne1 Bc5 17.Bd2 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 Bxd3 19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.Kc2 Qg6 0-1 (20) Aborigen100500 (2722)-Pap,G (2476) Rapid 2024]

9.Bb5 Qh4+ 10.Kf1 Bc4+ 11.Bxc4 Qxc4+ 12.Ne2 Qxc2 13.g3 Bc5 14.d4 Bb6 15.Bd2 0-0-0 16.Bc3 Rhe8

17.Qf4 f6 18.Qg4+ Kb8 19.e6 f5 20.Qf3 Rxe6 21.Rc1 Qe4 22.Qxe4 Rxe4 23.Rd1 g5 24.h4 g4 25.d5 Re3 26.Rh2 Ne7 27.Rf2 Re4 28.Rf4 Nxd5 29.Rxe4 fxe4 30.Ke1 Kc8 31.Be5 Ba5+ 32.Kf2 Bb6+ 33.Ke1 c6 34.a3 Rd7 35.b4 Rf7 36.Nf4 Nxf4 37.gxf4 Rd7 38.Rc1 g3 39.f5 g2 0-1 (39) condansator3 (2776)-venajalainen (2768) Blitz 2023

51 **9.b3**

[9.d4 Nb4 10.Qf2 Nxa2 11.c4 Nxc1 12.cxd5 Bb4+ 13.Kd1 Nb3 14.Bb5+ c6 15.dxc6 0-0 16.cxb7 Rb8 17.Ra4 Nxd4 18.Bd3 Rxb7 19.Nf3 Qd7 20.Qxd4 Qxa4+ 21.Ke2 Qd7 22.Qh4 g6 23.Rd1 Be7 24.Qh6 Rxb2+ 25.Kf1 Rb1 26.Qd2 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Rd8 28.Ke2 a5 29.Qc2 a4 30.Bc4 a3 31.Ba2 Qb5+ 32.Ke3 Qc5+ 33.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 34.Ke4 Rb8 35.e6 fxe6 36.Bxe6+ Kf8 37.Ne5 Ke7 38.Bc4 Rb2 39.Nd3 a2 40.Bxa2 Rxa2 41.Nxc5 Rxg2 42.h3 Rh2 43.Nd3 Rxh3 44.Nf4 Rh4 45.Kf3 Rxf4+ 46.Kxf4 Kf6 47.Kg4 g5 48.Kf3 Kf5 49.Kg3 g4 50.Kf2 Kf4 51.Kg2 g3 52.Kg1 Kf3 53.Kf1 g2+ 54.Kg1 h6 0-1 (54) tinymonster (2775)-BrittaBagels (2895) Blitz 2022]

[9.c4 Be6 10.Nf3 Bc5 11.Qe4 Qd7 12.a3 0-0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Ra2 Bf5 15.Qf4 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Qf2 Rhe8 18.Be2 Bd4 19.Qf3 Bg4 20.Qxb7+ Kxb7 21.Kd1 Rxe2 22.Kc2 Qf5+ 23.Kb3 Qd3+ 24.Ka4 Bd7+ 25.b5 Qxc4+ 26.Ka5 Qxb5# 0-1 (26) AzzaroNykterstein25 (2705)-BrittaBagels (2838) Blitz 2023]

9...g5 10.Qf2 Qd7 11.a3 Bg7 12.Bb2 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Kb8 14.Nf3 g4 15.Nd4 Rhe8 16.Nxc6+ Qxc6 17.Qg3 Be4 18.d3 Bg6 19.Be2 h5 20.Rhe1 Rd5 21.Bf1 Qc5 22.Kb1 Rdxe5 23.b4 Qb5 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Qe3 Qa4 26.Qg5 Bxh2 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Rd2 a6 29.Re2 Qf8 30.Qe7 Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Kc8 32.Re8+ Kd7 33.Rb8 b5 34.Kc1 Kd6 35.Kd2 Bf4+ 36.Ke2 c6 37.Ra8 Kc7 38.Kd1 Be5 39.Kd2 Kb6 40.Rf8 Bf4+ 41.Kc3 Bg3 42.d4 h4 43.Be2 h3 44.gxh3 gxh3 45.Bf3 h2 46.Rc8 Bc7 47.Bh1 Kb7 48.Rh8 Bd6 49.Rh6 Kc7 50.Rh4 Kb7 51.Kd2 Kb6 52.Rh3 Bf5 53.Rh5 Bg6 54.Rh4 Bf5 55.c3 Kb7 56.Ke3 Bg3 57.Rh6 Be6 58.Be4 Kb6 59.Kf3 Bb8 60.Kg2 Bd6 61.Rh8 Kc7 62.Rh5 Kb6 63.Kf2 Bc7 64.Bh1 Bf4 65.Kf3 Bd6 66.Kf2 Bf4 67.Rh4 Bc7 68.Rh8 Bd6 69.Rh6 Bf4 70.Rh5 Bc7 71.Rc5 Bd7 72.Rh5 Be6 73.Rh6 Bd6 74.Ke3 Kb7 75.Rh7 Kb6 76.Be4 Bg3 77.Kf3 Bc7 78.Ke3 Bg3 79.Rh6 Kc7 80.Kf3 Bd6 81.Ke2 Kb7 82.Kf2 Bf4 83.Rh5 Kb6 84.Rh4 Bb8 85.Rh8 Bf4 86.Bf3 Bc7 87.Rh6 Bd6 88.Rh7 Bc7 89.Rh5 Bf4 90.Kg2 Bd6 91.Rc5 Bd7 92.Rh5 Be6 93.Rc5 Bd7 94.Rg5 Bf4 95.Rh5 Be6 96.Be4 Bd6 97.Rg5 Bc8 98.Rc5 Bd7 99.Kh1 Bf4 100.Bf3 Bd6 101.Bh5 Be6 102.Bf3 Bd7 103.Rh5 Be6 104.d5 cxd5 105.Bxd5 Bf4 106.Bxe6 fxe6 107.Rc5 Bc1 108.Re5 Bxa3 109.Rxe6+ Kb7 110.Kxh2 Bb2 111.Re7+ Kc6 112.Re2 Bc1 113.Re1 Bf4+ 114.Kg1 Kd5 115.Rd1+ Ke4 116.Rd8 Be5 117.Re8 Kf4 118.c4 bxc4 119.Kf1 c3 120.Ke2 c2 121.Rc8 Ke4 122.Rxc2 Kd4 123.Rc6 Bg7 124.Rxa6 Kc4 125.Rb6 Bh8 126.b5 Bd4 127.Rb7 Bc5 128.Rb8 Ba7 129.Rb7 Bc5 130.Rb8 Ba7 131.Rc8+ Kxb5 132.Rc7 Bb6 133.Rd7 Bc5 134.Kd3 Bf8 135.Ke4 Bh6 136.Rc7 Bf8 137.Kd5 Bh6 138.Rb7+ Ka6

139.Kc6 Ka5 140.Rb5+ Ka4 141.Kc5 Bg7 142.Rb1 Bf8+ 143.Kc6 Bg7 144.Kd5 Bh8 145.Rb8 Bg7 146.Rb1 Bh8 147.Rb8 Bg7 148.Kc4 Ka5 149.Rb5+ Ka6 150.Rb8 Bh6 151.Rb1 Bf8 152.Rb3 Bg7 153.Kc5 Bf8+ 154.Kc6 Ka7 155.Rh3 Bb4 156.Rh1 Bc3 157.Rh7+ Kb8 158.Rd7 Ka8 159.Rd8+ Ka7 160.Rd7+ Kb8 161.Rd5 Ka8 162.Kd6 Bb4+ 163.Ke5 Bc3+ 164.Ke4 Kb8 165.Rd1 Ka8 166.Kd5 Kb8 167.Rd3 Bh8 168.Rh3 Bg7 169.Rf3 Kc8 170.Kc6 Kd8 171.Kd6 Ke8 172.Ke6 Kd8 173.Rd3+ Kc8 174.Kd6 Kd8 175.Rf3 Ke8 176.Ke6 Kd8 177.Rf6 Bxf6 ½-½ (177) IAmBotLol (2858)-Nikitosikbot (2897) Blitz 2023

[52] **6.dxc3** Huber,G: '!?' Huber,G: 'Less common than 6.bxc3, but it appears equally playable. White immediately opens the d-file and frees the ♗/c1, but leaves the e5 pawn permanently isolated. Weniger gebräuchlich als 6.bxc3, scheint aber gleichermaßen spielbar zu sein. Weiß öffnet die d-Linie sofort und befreit den ♗/c1, aber lässt den Bauern e5 permanent isoliert.' Huber,G: 'Less common than 6. bxc3, but it appears equally playable. White immediately opens the d-file and frees the ♗/c1, but leaves the e5 pawn permanently isolated. 'Huber,G: 'Weniger gebräuchlich als 6.bxc3, scheint aber gleichermaßen spielbar zu sein. Weiß öffnet die d-Linie sofort und befreit den ♗/c1, aber lässt den Bauern e5 permanent isoliert.'

6...Nc6

[6...Be7

A) 7.Bf4

A1) 7...0-0 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.h4 c5 *(9...Qe8 10.Qg3 Kh8 11.Nf3 Qa4 12.Kb1 c5 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 g6 16.Rdf1 Qc4 17.Qh3 h6 18.h5 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.hxg6+ Qh4 21.Qf5* 1-0 (21) ice2breaker (2771)-alfiezero (2784) Blitz 2021*; 9...Qd7 10.Qg3 c5 11.Nf3 Kh8 12.h5 h6 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Kb1 Rad8 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qf4 Kg7 17.Rh3 Bxh3 18.gxh3 Rh8 19.Rg1+ Kf8 20.Bf5 Qc7 21.Qg3 Bf6 22.exf6 Qxg3 23.Rxg3 Rg8 24.Bg4 Rd6 25.b3 Rxf6 26.Nh4 Rf1+ 27.Kb2 f5 28.Ng6+ Rxg6 29.hxg6 fxg4 30.Rxg4 Kg7* 0-1 (30) Ponkratov,P (2662)-Morovic Fernandez,I (2510) Riga LAT 2021 *)* 10.Nh3 Qa5 11.a3 Nc6 12.Ng5 b5 13.Qh5 h6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bxh6 Rf7 16.Qg6 b4 17.Bd3 Kf8 18.Rhf1 1-0 (18) Bernetta92 (2804)-morus22 (2623) Blitz 2021;

A2) 7...c6 8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.Kb1 *(9.a3 Be6 10.Qg3 g5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Nf3 h6 13.Nd4 0-0-0 14.Bd3 Nc5 15.Rhf1 Na4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4 Rhe8 18.Qxe6+ Kb8 19.Bg6 Bxa3 20.Bxe8 Bxb2+ 21.Kd2 Qxc3+ 22.Ke2 Qxc2+ 23.Rd2 Nc3+ 24.Kf3 Qe4+ 25.Kf2 d4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Bg6 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Ng3+ 30.Kg1 Ne2+ 31.Kh1 Ng3+ 32.Kg1 Ne2+* ½-½ (32) Aborigen100500 (2703)-Dynamicus (2525) Rapid 2024*)* 9...Be6 *(9...0-0 10.Qg3 Bf5*

11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Rxd3 Re8 13.Qg4 Qd8 14.Rh3 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf8 16.Bh6 Ng6 17.Qh5 Bf8 18.Bg5 f6 19.exf6 Qd7 20.Qxh7+ Kf7 21.fxg7 Bxg7 22.Bh6 Rg8 23.Ng5+ Ke7 24.Bxg7 Qf5 25.Be5+ Kf8 26.Rf3 1-0 (26) ice2breaker (2733)-urogallo87 (2619) Blitz 2020*; 9...Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 0-0 12.Ne2 Nd7 13.Qg4 Rfd8 14.Nd4 Nf8 15.Nf5 Ng6 16.h4 h5 17.Qg3 Re8 18.d4 b5 19.e6 b4 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Bc7 Qa4 22.Rhf1* 1-0 (22) Finalist_2020 (2720)-Prikolica (2666) Blitz 2020 *)* 10.Ne2 *(10.Qg3 g5 11.Bd2 Rg8 12.Nf3 g4 13.Nd4 Nd7 14.Bd3 h5 15.Bf5 Nf8 16.Rhf1 c5 17.Nb3 Qb5 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qf4 0-0-0 20.Qf7* 1-0 (20) IDISJUDA (2703)-Odnek (2614) Blitz 2023*)* 10...Nd7 11.Nd4 c5 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4 Rf8 14.c4 Nb6 15.Bd2 Qa4 16.b3 Qc6 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.g3 0-0-0 19.Bh3 Nc7 20.Qxg7 Rxd2 21.Qxe7 Re8 22.Qxh7 Red8 23.Bg4 Nb5 24.Kc1 Na3 25.Rxd2 Qxh1+ 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 Qd5 28.Qg8+ Kc7 29.Qf7+ Kb6 30.Qf4 c4 31.Qe3+ Kc7 32.Bf3 Qa5 33.Kb2 b5 34.Qc5+ 1-0 (34) Aborigen100500 (2792)-justiniano565 (2491) Blitz 2024;

A3) 7...c5 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.Bc4 *(9.c4 d4 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.a3 0-0 12.h4 Na5 13.Qe4 g6 14.h5 Bg5 15.Nf3 Bf5 16.Bxg5 Bxe4 17.Bxd8 Bxf3 18.Bxa5 Bxd1 19.Kxd1 b6 20.Bd2 Rfe8 21.Re1 Rad8 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.Bf6 gxh5 24.Be4 Rc7 25.Rh1* 1-0 (25) Martini99 (2712)-unknown-maestro_2450 (2727) Blitz 2023*)* 9...0-0 *(9...Qb6 10.Bxd5 Bxd5 11.Qxd5 0-0 12.Nf3 Na6 13.Qd7 Rfe8 14.e6 Qxe6 15.Rhe1 Qc4 16.Rxe7 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Rxe7 18.Qxe7 Nc7 19.Rd8+* 1-0 (19) Aborigen100500 (2733)-T-Stevenson (2668) Blitz 2022*)* 10.Bxd5 Qa5 11.Bxb7 Qxa2 12.Bxa8 Qa1+ 13.Kd2 Qxb2 14.Ne2 Nd7 15.Rb1 Qa2 16.Ra1 Qc4 17.Be4 Rd8 18.Bd3 Nb6 19.Kc1 1-0 (19) Aborigen100500 (2734)-sotirakis (2660) Rapid 2024;

A4) 7...Be6 8.0-0-0

A4a) 8...c6

A4a1) 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.Ne2 h5 11.h3 g5 12.Bh2 g4 13.Qf1 Qc7 14.Nd4 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Nc5 16.Bf5 Kb8 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.Bf4 a5 19.Qe2 Qb6 20.Ka1 Na4 21.Bc1 Ba3 22.b3 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Nxc3 24.Qd3 Bxf5 25.Qxc3 Be4 26.Rxh8 Rxh8 27.e6 Rf8 28.Rf1 f5 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.e7 Re8 31.Qe5+ Qc7 32.Rxf5 Rxe7 33.Qxc7+ Kxc7 34.Rg5 Re4 35.Kb2 b5 36.Rg6 a4 37.a3 axb3 38.Kxb3 b4 39.axb4 Kb6 40.c3 Kb5 41.Rg8 Kb6 42.Rb8+ Kc7 43.Rg8 Rf4 44.Rg7+ Kb6 45.g3 Re4 46.Rg6 Kb5 47.Rg8 Kb6 48.Rb8+ Kc7 49.Rg8 Kb6

50.Rg7 Kb5 51.Rg8 Kb6 ½-½ (51) SpeedMonkey (2750)-avchess1 (2768) Blitz 2022;

A4a2) 9.Ne2 Qa5 10.a3 0-0 *(10...Nd7 11.Nd4 0-0 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Rhe1 Nxd3+ 14.Rxd3 Bc5 15.Bg5 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Rae8 17.Rh4 Bc8 18.Bf6 Re6 19.Rxh7 Rfe8 20.Rxg7+ Kf8 21.Rg8+* 1-0 (21) Mapwright (2724)-Lalarttu (2632) Blitz 2019*)* 11.h4 Nd7 12.Nd4 c5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 Qb6 15.c4 d4 16.Bd3 Rf7 17.Rde1 Raf8 18.g3 Rb8 19.Qh5 Nf8 20.Rhf1 Qa5 21.Qxf7+ 1-0 (21) satlan (2740)-T-Stevenson (2678) Blitz 2023;

A4a3) 9.Qg3 g5 10.Be3 h5 11.Nh3 h4 12.Qf2 Nd7 13.Qe1 Qa5 14.Kb1 d4 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.c3 Qxa2+ 17.Kc1 Qa1+ 18.Kc2 Qa4+ 19.Kd2 Be7 20.Nxg5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5 Qb3 22.Kc1 Nb6 23.Qf2 Na4 24.Bd3 Kd7 25.Rhf1 Rag8 26.Bf6 Rh6 27.Qc2 Qa2 28.Qb1 Qb3 29.Bc2 Qb5 30.Rf2 Nb6 31.Bd3 Bc4 32.Bf5+ Be6 33.Bxe6+ fxe6 34.Qd3 Qa4 35.Rdf1 Rhg6 36.Bxh4 Rxg2 37.Rxg2 Rxg2 38.Qh7+ Kc8 39.Rf8# 1-0 (39) TheMigos (2725)-unknown-maestro_2450 (2724) Blitz 2023;

A4a4) 9.h4 Nd7 10.g3 0-0 11.Nh3 Qa5 12.a3 Nc5 13.Ng5 Na4 14.Bd3 h6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Qg4 Nc5 17.Bxh6 Rf7 18.Bg5 Nxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Raf8 20.Qxe6 Bc5 21.Rf3 1-0 (21) TheRedKing89 (2794)-DJaeggi (2638) Blitz 2021;

A4b) 8...Nd7 Huber,G: 'is also possible, delaying ...c5 until development is completed. ist ebenfalls möglich und verzögert ...c5, bis die Entwicklung abgeschlossen ist. ' Huber,G: 'is also possible, delaying ...c5 until development is completed.' Huber,G: 'ist ebenfalls möglich und verzögert ...c5, bis die Entwicklung abgeschlossen ist. '

A4b1) 9.Ne2 Prusikin, Michael: 'N!'

A4b11) 9...c5

A4b111) 10.c4 Prusikin,Michael: '!?' d4 11.c3

A4b1111) Prusikin,Michael: 'Prusikin,M: 'a)'' 11...d3 Prusikin, Michael: '?!' 12.Ng3 g5 13.Be3 *(13.Nh5* Prusikin,Michael: '!?' *gxf4* Prusikin, Michael: '△' *14.Ng7+)* 13...Nxe5 14.Qe4 Qc7 15.Bxd3 0-0-0 16.Be2 Prusikin, Michael: '⩲';

A4b1112) 11...0-0

Prusikin,Michael: '!' 12.cxd4 Bxc4 13.Nc3 Bxf1 14.Rhxf1 cxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc8 16.Kb1 Nc5 Prusikin,Michael: '=';

A4b112) 10.h4

A4b1121) 10...Bxh4 Prusikin,Michael: '?!' 11.Ng3 *(11.Rxd5* Prusikin,Michael: '!?' *)* 11...Bxg3 *(11...Bg5 12.Nh5 0-0* Prusikin, Michael: ' □ ' *13.Nxg7* Prusikin, Michael: '!' *Kxg7 14.Rxh7+* Prusikin,Michael: '+-' *!')* 12.Qxg3 Qa5 13.a3 0-0-0 14.Qxg7 Rdg8 15.Qh6 Prusikin, Michael: '±';

A4b1122) 10...Qa5 11.Kb1 0-0-0 12.g3 Nb6 *(12...h5* Prusikin,Michael: '?' *13.Bh3 Qa6 14.Rxd5* Prusikin, Michael: '!!' *Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Qxe2 16.Rd1* Prusikin, Michael: '+-' *)*

A4b11221) 13.Bh3 Prusikin,Michael: '!?' Bxh3 *(13...Rhe8 14.Bxe6+ fxe6 15.Qg4 Bf8 16.Bg5 Rd7 17.b3* Prusikin,Michael: '±' *)* 14.Rxh3 Qb5 15.Rhh1 Rhe8 16.b3 Rd7 17.a4 Qc6 Prusikin, Michael: '=';

A4b11222) 13.b3 Na8 Prusikin, Michael: '!' *(13...Rhe8 14.Bg2 Kb8 15.Bc1* Prusikin,Michael: '!' *Nd7 16.Rxd5* Prusikin,Michael: '±!' *)* 14.Bg2 *(14.Bh3 Nc7* Prusikin,Michael: '=' *)* 14...Nc7 15.Rd2 *(15.Bc1 c4* Prusikin, Michael: '!' *16.Nf4 Kb8* Prusikin, Michael: '⇄' *)* 15...Rd7 16.Rhd1 Rhd8 17.h5 *(17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Qb6* Prusikin,Michael: '⇄' *)* 17...h6 18.g4 Kb8 Prusikin, Michael: '!' *(18...Bg5 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Kb2* Prusikin,Michael: '±' *)* 19.Rd3 *(19.Ng3 Nb5* Prusikin,Michael: '⇄'; *19.a4 b5 20.Kb2 b4 21.cxb4 Qxb4* Prusikin, Michael: '⇄' *)*

A4b112221) 19...c4 20.R3d2

(20.bxc4 Qa6 Prusikin,Michael: '!' *21.Ka1 dxc4 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Rxd7 Bxd7* Prusikin,Michael: '∓' *)* 20...Nb5 21.a4 Na3+ 22.Kb2 b5 Prusikin,Michael: '∞!';

A4b112222)

19...Nb5 20.c4 *(20.a4 Na3+ 21.Kb2 Qb6* Prusikin,Michael: '!' *22.Kxa3 c4+ 23.Kb2 cxd3 24.Rxd3* Prusikin,Michael: '∞' *)* 20...Na3+ 21.Kb2

A4b1122221)

21...d4 Prusikin, Michael: '!?' 22.c3 Nxc4+ *(22...Bxg4* Prusikin,Michael: '?' *23.Qxg4 dxc3+ 24.Nxc3 Rxd3 25.Rxd3 Rxd3 26.e6+ Ka8 27.Qxg7* Prusikin,Michael: '+-' *)* 23.bxc4 Ka8 Prusikin,Michael: '!' 24.cxd4 Bxc4 25.Rb3 Prusikin, Michael: '∞';

A4b1122222)

21...Nxc2 Prusikin,Michael: '!?'

A4b11222221)

22.cxd5 Prusikin,Michael: '?' Nb4 23.Nc3 Rxd5 Prusikin, Michael: '!' 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 Prusikin, Michael: '!' 25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.e6+ Kc8 27.a3 Nd3+ Prusikin,Michael: '-+';

A4b11222222)

22.R3d2 Prusikin,Michael: '!?' Qa3+ *(22...Nb4 23.a3* Prusikin,Michael: '±'*; 22...Nd4* Prusikin,Michael: '!?' *23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Rxd4 Bc5 25.R4d3 d4* Prusikin,Michael: '±' *)* 23.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 24.Kc1 Qa1+ Prusikin,Michael: '=';

A4b11222223)

22.Kxc2

A4b112222231)

22...dxc4 23.bxc4 Bxg4 24.e6+ *(24.Qe4 Qxa2+ 25.Kc1 Qa1+)* 24...Ka8 25.Ra3 Bxf3 26.Rxa5 Rxd1 27.Bxf3 Rf1 28.Ra3 fxe6 29.Rb3 Rd7 30.Bc6 Rxf4 31.Bxd7 Rxc4+ 32.Nc3 Rh4 33.Bxe6 c4 Prusikin,Michael:

'=';
A4b112222232)
22...Qxa2+ 23.Kc1 dxc4 Prusikin, Michael: '!' 24.bxc4 Prusikin,Michael: '□' *(24.Rxd7* Prusikin,Michael: '??' *Qa1+* Prusikin,Michael: '-+' *)*
A4b1122222321)
24...Qxc4+ Prusikin,Michael: '!?' 25.Nc3
A4b11222223211)
Prusikin,Michael: 'Prusikin,M: 'a)'' 25...Qxf4+ Prusikin,Michael: '?' 26.Qxf4 Bg5 *(26...Rxd3 27.Rxd3 Rxd3 28.Kc2 Rd4 29.Be4* Prusikin, Michael: '+-' *)* 27.Qxg5 hxg5 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Bf3 Prusikin, Michael: '+-';
A4b11222223212)
Prusikin,Michael: 'Prusikin,M: 'b)'' 25...Bxg4 Prusikin,Michael: '?' 26.e6+ Ka8 27.Qxb7+ *(27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.exd7* Prusikin,Michael: '+-' *)* 27...Rxb7 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Rxd8# Prusikin,Michael: '#';
A4b11222223213)
25...Qa6 Prusikin,Michael: '!' 26.Rxd7 Qa3+ 27.Kc2 Qb3+ Prusikin,Michael: '=';
A4b1122222322)
24...Qa1+ 25.Kc2 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 ½-½ (26) Thomas Villiers (2420)-Bruce,R (2542) USSR 5/19 2010 Telechess CBM 89 [Borg,Geoffrey D];

A4b12) 9...g5 10.Bg3 h5 11.h3 c6 12.Nd4 Qa5 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qf7 Rde8 16.Bd3 Qb6 17.Ka1 h4 18.Bh2 Rhf8 19.Qg7 Nc5 20.Bg6 Na4 21.Rb1 Qa5 22.Bxe8 Rxe8 23.Qf7 Kd7 24.Qf3 Rf8 25.Qd3 Rf2 26.Bg1 Rxg2 27.Be3 Nc5 28.Bxc5 Qxc5 29.Rhf1 Rg3 30.Qh7 Rxh3 31.Rf6 Re3 32.Rg6 Rxe5 33.a3 Qd6 34.Rg8 Rf5 35.Qg6 Rf8 36.Rxf8 Bxf8 37.Qxg5 Be7 38.Qh5 a5 39.Rf1 b5 40.Rf7 b4 41.cxb4 axb4 42.a4 b3 43.cxb3 Qg3 44.Ka2 Kd6 45.Qh7 Bg5 46.Rd7+ Ke5 47.Qg7+ Ke4 48.Qg6+ Ke5 49.Qg7+

Ke4 50.Qg6+ Ke5 51.Rf7 Bf6 52.Rxf6 Kd6 53.Rxe6+ Kc5 54.Qf7 Qxb3+ 0-1 (54) tinymonster (2724)-TeliTmas (2561) Blitz 2020;

A4b2) 9.c4 dxc4 10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qf3 0-0 12.Nh3 Qc8 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qa6 15.a3 Nxe5 16.Qg3 Ng6 17.h4 h5 18.Be2 Bg4 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.h5 Qb6 21.Qc3 Nh8 22.h6 f6 23.Rd7 Rf7 24.hxg7 Kxg7 25.Be3 Qe6 26.Rxf7+ Nxf7 27.Bd4 Re8 28.Rf1 Ne5 29.Kb1 a6 30.Qg3 Rd8 31.Bc3 Rd5 32.Qf4 Rd6 33.Rh1 Nf7 34.Qh2 Kf8 35.Qh7 Qd5 36.Rf1 Qg5 37.Bb4 c5 38.Bc3 Ke7 39.Qe4+ Ne5 40.Qb7+ Ke6 41.Rh1 g3 42.Ka2 Qg6 43.Bxe5 fxe5 44.Rh7 Qxc2 45.Re7+ Kf5 46.Rf7+ Rf6 47.Qf3+ 1-0 (47) Takacsbl (2706)-darthpetrov2000 (2618) Blitz 2021;

A4b3) 9.Qg3 Prusikin,Michael: '?!' 9...g5 Prusikin,Michael: '!' 10.Be3 c5 11.Bb5 *(11.Kb1 Qa5* Prusikin,Michael: ' ∓' *)* 11...h6 12.h4 g4 13.Ne2 a6 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Nf4 0-0-0 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.b3 h5 18.Rhf1 f5 19.Qf2 b6 20.Bf4 Rd7 21.Kb2 Rhd8 22.g3 d4 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.Bd2 Re4 26.Bc3 f4 27.gxf4 Qf5 28.a4 Bf8 29.a5 b5 30.Kc1 Kc7 31.Qd2 b4 32.Bb2 Be7 33.Kb1 Qd7 34.Qxd7+ Kxd7 35.f5 Bxh4 36.e6+ Ke7 37.f6+ Kxe6 38.f7 Be7 39.Rf6+ Kd7 40.Rxa6 Rf4 41.Be5 Rxf7 42.Rh6 Rf5 43.a6 Rxe5 44.a7 Rf5 45.a8Q 1-0 (45) CoachNoNo (2810)-Prikolica (2636) Blitz 2021;

B) 7.Bd3

B1) 7...Be6 8.Ne2 *(8.Bf4 c5 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Nh3 Qa5 11.Kb1 h6 12.Qg3 0-0-0 13.Bd2 c4 14.Be2 g5 15.Ng1 Qc7 16.Nf3 Bc5 17.h3 d4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Kxd8 24.a3 Qc5 25.Bf3 b6 26.Ka2 Ke7 27.Kb1 Bd5 28.Bxd5 Qxd5 29.a4 Ke6 30.g4 Qd1+ 31.Ka2 Qe2 32.Ka3 Qe4 33.a5 Qd5 34.axb6 axb6 35.b4 cxb3 36.cxb3 Qxe5 37.Qc8+ Kf6 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Qxb6 Qa1+ 40.Kb4 Qe1+ 41.Kb5 Qf1+ 42.Kc6 Qxh3 43.Qd4+ Kg8 44.b4 Qf3+ 45.Kc5 h5 46.b5 hxg4 47.b6 g3 48.Qd5 Qxd5+ 49.Kxd5 g2 50.b7 g1Q 51.b8Q+ Kg7 52.Qb2+ f6 53.Qb7+ Kg6 54.Qb3 Qg4 55.Kc6 Qf5 56.Qg8+ Kh6 57.Qh8+ Kg6 58.Qe8+ Kh6 59.Qe2* 1-0 (59) TheMigos (2716)-BSambuev (2617) Blitz 2022 *)* 8...c5 9.Nf4 Nc6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 c4 12.Be2 Nxe5 13.Qh5+ Ng6 14.Bg4 Bf6 15.Bxe6 Qb6+ 16.Be3 Qxe3+ 17.Kh1 Qxe6 0-1 (17)

littleplotkin (2753)-Mbenz (2800) Blitz 2021;

B2) 7...0-0 8.Be3 Bg5 9.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 10.Qxe3 c6 11.Nf3 Be6 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.h4 Nd7 15.g4 Qb6 16.Qe2 Qf2 17.g5 Qxe2 18.Bxe2 Nxe5 19.gxh6 gxh6 20.Rde1 Rf6 21.Rhg1+ Kh8 22.Bh5 Nd7 23.Rg6 Rxg6 24.Bxg6 Nf8 25.Bf7 Rd8 26.Rg1 Nd7 27.Bxe6 Nc5 28.Bf5 Rf8 29.Bg6 Ne6 30.Bh5 Nf4 31.Bd1 Kh7 32.Re1 Rf7 33.b3 a5 34.a4 Ng6 35.h5 Nf4 36.Re8 Kg7 37.Ra8 b6 38.Rb8 1-0 (38) tinymonster (2743)-Elretornodelmore (2675) Blitz 2022;

B3) 7...Nc6 8.Bf4 Be6 9.0-0-0 Qd7 10.Qg3 0-0-0 11.Nf3 Kb8 12.Kb1 h6 13.h4 Bf5 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Qxg7 Bg6 17.Nd4 Qb6 18.e6 Rdg8 19.Qe5 Bd6 20.Qe3 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 fxe6 22.g4 Be4 23.Rhg1 Re8 24.Qe5 Qd6 25.Qxd6 cxd6 26.Rdf1 e5 27.Nf5 Bxf5 28.Rxf5 Ref8 29.Rgf1 Rxf5 30.Rxf5 Rg8 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rg6 33.Kc1 b5 34.Rf6 Rxg5 35.Rxd6 Rg1+ 36.Kd2 Rg2+ 37.Kd3 Rg3+ 38.Kd2 Rg2+ 39.Kd3 Rg3+ 40.Kd2 Rg2+ ½-½ (40) Jamorris94 (2779)-TheLlamaLord (2584) Blitz 2023;

C) 7.Qg3 Rg8 8.Nf3 c5 9.h4 Nc6 10.Bf4 h6 11.Bxh6 Be6 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.a3 0-0-0 14.Be2 Kb8 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Rde8 17.0-0 Ka8 18.b4 Qa4 19.Rfc1 f6 20.Be3 d4 21.cxd4 cxd4 22.Bf2 fxe5 23.b5 Na5 24.b6 axb6 25.Rab1 Qc6 26.Bf3 e4 27.Bh5 g6 28.Be2 e3 29.Be1 Bc4 30.Bf3 Bd5 31.Be2 Bc4 32.Bf3 Bd5 33.Be2 Bc4 ½-½ (33) trafficplainer (2830)-theonlyoneshoo (2640) Blitz 2023]

[6...Be6

A) 7.Bf4

A1) 7...h6 8.0-0-0 c5 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.c4 d4 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Bd7 13.Qe4 Rb8 14.e6 Bxe6 15.Bxb8 Qxb8 16.Qc6+ Bd7 17.Re1+ Be7 18.Rxe7+ Kxe7 19.Qxc5+ Qd6 20.Qxd6+ Kxd6 21.Nf3 Kc5 22.b3 Re8 23.Rd1 Bg4 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Kb4 26.Kb2 Be2 27.Nd3+ Bxd3 28.cxd3 a5 29.a3+ Kc5 30.Kc2 f5 31.Kd2 g5 32.Ke2 Kc6 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 Kb6 35.Kd2 f4 36.g4 Kc6 37.Ke2 Kd6 38.Kf3 Ke5 39.h3 Ke6 40.Ke4 Kd6 41.Kxd4 Kc6 42.Ke4 Kd6 43.d4 Kc7 44.d5 Kd7 45.c5 Kc7 46.b5 Kc8 47.d6 Kd7 48.Kd4 Kd8 49.c6 Kc8 50.b6 Kb8 51.d7 1-0 (51) Rikikits (2773)-Aliakbarov,A (2606) Blitz 2024;

A2) 7...Qd7 8.0-0-0 c5 Huber,G: '!?' Huber,G: 'Creating a rather unclear position which can turn tactical very quicky. Black threatens ... ♗g4 in many lines, but white often ignores this and develops instead. Führt zu einer ziemlich unklaren Stellung, die sehr schnell taktisch werden kann. Schwarz droht in vielen Varianten ... ♗g4, aber Weiß ignoriert dies oft und entwickelt sich stattdessen.'Huber,G:

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A2a) 13.Qc8+ Huber,G: '?!' Huber,G: 'Quite ambitious, but risky. Ziemlich ehrgeizig, aber riskant.' Huber,G: 'Quite ambitious, but risky.' Huber,G: 'Ziemlich ehrgeizig, aber riskant.' Ke7 Huber,G: 'The position is still quite complex after this, but white needs to spend a lot of time recovering the invested material and black seems to be able to set up a defense. Hiernach ist die Stellung weiterhin sehr komplex, aber Weiß muss viel Zeit darauf verwenden, das investierte Material zurückzubekommen und Schwarz scheint sich verteidigen zu können.' Huber,G: 'The position is still quite complex after this, but white needs to spend a lot of time recovering the invested material and black seems to be able to set up a defense.' Huber,G: 'Hiernach ist die Stellung weiterhin sehr komplex, aber Weiß muss viel Zeit darauf verwenden, das investierte Material zurückzubekommen und Schwarz scheint sich verteidigen zu können.' 14.Nh3 *(14.Nf3 Be2 15.Qb7+ Nd7 16.b3 Qa6 17.Qe4+ Qe6 18.Qxa8 f6 19.Re1 Kf7 20.Qxa7 g5 21.Bd2 Be7* 0-1 (28) Sax,G (2559)-Pavasovic,D (2508)

Nova Gorica 2001*)* 14...Be2 15.Qb7+ Nd7 16.b3 *(16.Qxa8 g5* Huber,G: '!' *17.Bxg5+ f6* Huber,G: '∓' Huber,G: 'and black's kingside can develop soon. und der schwarze Königsflügel kann bald entwickelt werden.' Huber,G: 'and black's kingside can develop soon.'Huber,G: 'und der schwarze Königsflügel kann bald entwickelt werden.'*)* 16...Qa6 17.Qe4+ Qe6 18.Qxa8 f6 Huber,G: '?' Huber,G: 'allows an awkward pin on the e-file. lässt eine unangenehme Fesselung auf der e-Linie zu.' Huber,G: 'allows an awkward pin on the e-file.'Huber,G: 'lässt eine unangenehme Fesselung auf der e-Linie zu.' *(18...Bg4* Huber,G: '∓!' Huber, G: 'and white must struggle to prove he has compensation. und Weiß muss kämpfen, um Kompensation nachweisen zu können.' Huber,G: 'and white must struggle to prove he has compensation.'Huber,G: 'und Weiß muss kämpfen, um Kompensation nachweisen zu können.'*)* 19.Re1 Kf7 Huber,G: '?' *(19...g5* Huber,G: 'frees up black's kingside and provides reasonable chances befreit den schwarzen Königsflügel und gibt vernünftige Chancen.' Huber,G: 'frees up black's kingside and provides reasonable chances' Huber,G: 'befreit den schwarzen Königsflügel und gibt vernünftige Chancen.' *20.Bg3 Bg7* Huber,G: ' ∞'*)* 20.Qxa7 Huber,G: '?' *(20.Ng1* Huber,G: ' ±!' Huber,G: 'wins back the material while black is still undeveloped. gewinnt das Material zurück, während Schwarz noch unterentwickelt ist.' Huber,G: 'wins back the material while black is still undeveloped.' Huber,G: 'gewinnt das Material zurück, während Schwarz noch unterentwickelt ist.'*)* 20...g5 21.Bd2 Huber,G: '?' Huber,G: 'Giving up control of the key c7 square. Gibt die Kontrolle über das Schlüsselfeld c7 auf.' Huber,G: 'Giving up control of the key c7 square.'Huber,G: 'Gibt die Kontrolle über das Schlüsselfeld c7 auf.' *(21.Bg3 Be7 22.Ng1* Huber,G: '∞' Huber,G: 'and white's queen can now escape via c7 after 22...♕c6. und die weiße Dame kann jetzt nach 22... ♕c6 über c7 entkommen.'Huber,G: 'and white's queen can now escape via c7 after 22...♕c6.' Huber,G: 'und die weiße Dame kann jetzt nach 22...♕c6 über c7 entkommen.'*)* 21...Be7 Huber,G: '-+' 22.Ng1 Qc6 Huber,G: '!' 23.Nxe2 Ra8 24.Nd4 cxd4 25.Qxd4 Rxa2 26.c4 Bd6 27.Bc3 Be5 28.Qd5+ 0-1 (28) 4.Nc3 a6 5. Bg5 (2559)-10.0-0 cd4 11.Ne4 (2508) Brownsville 2001 CBM 153 [Mueller];

A2b) 13.Nh3 Huber,G: '?' Be7

Huber,G: '!' Huber,G: 'getting black's king to safety. bringt den schwarzen König in Sicherheit.'Huber,G: 'getting black's king to safety.' Huber,G: 'bringt den schwarzen König in Sicherheit.' 14.Rxd1 *(14.Qxa8 0-0 15.Qxa7 Nc6∓)* 14...0-0 15.Qxa8 *(15.Qxe7 Nc6)* 15...Qxa2 Huber,G: '∓';

A2c) 13.Bxb8 Huber,G: '!' Huber,G: 'was white's best, heading to a perpetual check. was sich auf ein Dauerschach zubewegt, war das Beste für Weiß.' Huber,G: 'was white's best, heading to a perpetual check.' Huber,G: 'was sich auf ein Dauerschach zubewegt, war das Beste für Weiß.' 13...Qf1 *(13...Rxb8 14.Qxb8+ Kd7 15.Nh3 Bg4 16.Qxa7+ Kc8 17.Qa8+ Kc7 18.Qa7+* Huber,G: 'with a perpetual check. mit Dauerschach.' Huber,G: 'with a perpetual check.' Huber,G: 'mit Dauerschach.'*)* 14.Qc6+ Kd8 15.Qc7+ Ke8 16.Qc6+ Kd8 17.Bc7+ Ke7 18.Qd6+ Ke8 19.Qc6+ Ke7 20.Bd6+ Kd8 21.Qc7+ Ke8 22.Nf3 Qxh1 23.Qc6+ Kd8 24.Qc7+ Ke8 25.Qc6+ Kd8 26.Bc7+ Ke7 27.Qe4+ Kd7 28.Ne5+ Ke7 29.Nf3+ Kd7 30.Ne5+ Ke7 31.Nf3+ Kd7 ½-½ (31) Rapport,R (2745)-Duda,J (2724) Warsaw POL 2023;

A3) 7...g5 8.Bg3 Nd7 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.0-0-0 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bxe5 12.Ne2 Qd6 13.Nd4 0-0-0 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.g3 h5 16.Rhe1 a6 17.Qe3 Bf6 18.Qxe6+ Qxe6 19.Rxe6 Rhf8 20.Rf1 Bg7 21.Rg6 Rxf1+ 22.Bxf1 Rf8 23.Bh3+ g4 24.Bxg4+ hxg4 25.Rxg7 Rf1+ 26.Kd2 Rf2+ 27.Kd3 Rxh2 28.Rxg4 c5 29.c4 d4 30.Rg7 Rg2 31.a4 b6 32.a5 bxa5 33.Rg5 Kb7 34.Rxc5 Rxg3+ 35.Kxd4 Rg4+ 36.Ke3 Rg2 37.Rxa5 Rxc2 38.Kd4 Rxb2 39.Rh5 Rd2+ 40.Kc5 Rd7 41.Rh6 Rc7+ 42.Kd5 Rd7+ 43.Kc5 Rc7+ 44.Kb4 Rc6 45.Rh7+ Rc7 46.Rh8 Kb6 47.Rb8+ Rb7 48.Re8 a5+ 49.Kc3 Rc7 50.Kd4 Rc6 51.Kd5 Rc5+ 52.Kd4 Rc7 53.Re6+ Rc6 54.c5+ Kb5 55.Re8 Rc7 56.Rb8+ Kc6 57.Rb6+ Kd7 58.Kd5 Ra7 59.Rh6 Kc8 60.c6 Rg7 61.Kc5 Kc7 62.Rh5 a4 ½-½ (62) Rikikits (2730) - DrawDenied_Twitch (2641) Blitz 2020;

A4) 7...Nd7 8.0-0-0 c6 9.Bd3 *(9.Ne2 Qh4 10.g3 Qg4 11.Qf2 Bc5 12.Nd4 0-0-0 13.h3 Qg6 14.Bd3 f5 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qe3 Rde8 17.Bg5 Qe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe6 Nxd3+ 20.cxd3 Rxe6 21.Rde1 Rhe8 22.Rxe6 Rxe6 23.Kd2 Bd6 24.g4 h6 25.Be3 Rf6 26.Bd4 Bf4+ 27.Ke2 Re6+ 28.Kf3 g5 29.h4 Kd7 30.Bxa7 Kd6 31.b4 Rf6 32.Bc5+ Kd7 33.hxg5 Bxg5+ 34.Kg3 Bf4+ 35.Kg2 Bg5 36.Bd4 Rf4 37.Kg3 Rf8 38.a4 Re8 39.a5 Re2 40.Rf1 Rd2 41.Rf7+ Kc8 42.Rf3 Bd8 43.Kf4*

Bg5+ 44.Kf5 Kd7 45.Bf6 Bxf6 46.Kxf6 Rg2 47.Kf5 Rh2 48.d4 Kd6 49.Kg6 Rh4 50.Rf4 Ke7 51.Rf7+ Kd6 52.Rxb7 Rxg4+ 53.Kxh6 Rg3 54.a6 Rxc3 55.a7 Ra3 56.Kg6 Ke6 57.Kg7 Kf5 58.Kf7 Ke4 59.Ke6 Kxd4 60.Kd6 Kc4 61.Kxc6 d4 62.b5 d3 63.b6 d2 64.Rd7 Rd3 65.Rxd3 Kxd3 66.a8Q d1Q 67.Qd8+ Kc2 68.Qxd1+ Kxd1 69.b7 Kc2 70.b8Q Kc3 71.Qb5 Kc2 72.Kd5 Kc3 73.Qc4+ Kb2 74.Kd4 Ka3 75.Qb5 Ka2 76.Kc3 Ka1 77.Qb2# 1-0 (77) Rivuza (2721)-enmQ (2812) Blitz 2021*; 9.Qg3 Qa5 10.Kb1 h6 11.h4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 c5 13.Bd3 Nb6 14.b3 Nd7 15.Qe1 g6 16.c4 Qxe1 17.Rhxe1 Nb6 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Be4 Nc7 21.Be3 Bd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.c4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Ne6 25.Kc2 h5 26.g3 Re8 27.Nd2 Ng7 28.Ne4 Nf5 29.Bf4 Nd4+ 30.Kd3 b6 31.b4 Ne6 32.bxc5 Bxc5 33.Nf6 Rd8+ 34.Nd5 Kb7 35.Ke4 Kc6 36.a4 Rd7 37.Rf1 Kb7 38.Bd2 Bf8 39.Be3 Bc5 40.Bd2 Bf8 41.Be3 Bc5 42.Bd2* ½-½ (42) Lagarde,M (2640)-Vidit, S (2726) Tornelo INT 2021*)* 9...Qa5 10.Kb1 d4 *(10...Nc5 11.Ne2 Be7 12.Nd4 Qa4 13.Qg3 g6 14.Bg5 Qa5 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rhf1 Raf8 17.Rf6 Qc7 18.Rdf1 Kd7 19.b4 Nxd3 20.Nxe6* 1-0 (20) Takacsbl (2717)-AttackingBeast (2762) Blitz 2021*)* 11.c4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qxe5 13.Ne2 Bd6 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bf5 Qc5 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Rhe1 0-0-0 18.Rxe6 Be5 19.Re1 Bf6 20.Qb3 Qb6 21.Qa3 Rd2 22.g4 Rhd8 0-1 (22) littleplotkin (2774)-Atalik, S (2494) Blitz 2021;

B) 7.Ne2 Be7 *(7...Nd7 8.Bf4 g5 9.Bg3 h5 10.h3 Bg7 11.Qe3 c6 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.Bd3 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 g4 15.Kb1 h4 16.Bf4 gxh3 17.gxh3 Rde8 18.Rhe1 Rh5 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Be2 Rxe5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Qxa7 f6 23.Bg4 Qe7 24.Bf5 Kc7 25.Qa5+ Nb6 26.a3 Ra8 27.Qb4 Qxb4 28.axb4 Rg8 29.Rg1 Bg3 30.Bg4 Nc4 31.Rdf1 Nd2+ 32.Kc1 Nxf1 33.Rxf1 Be5 34.Kd2 Kd6 35.Kd3 b6 36.b3 Ra8 37.Rd1 Rf8 38.c4 f5 39.Bf3 d4 40.Rg1 c5 41.bxc5+ bxc5 42.Rg6+ Rf6 43.Rg8 Rf7 44.Rg6+ Ke7 45.Bd5 Rf6 46.Rg7+ Kd6 47.Rh7 f4 48.Bf3 Rg6 49.Rxh4 Rg1 50.Ke4 Re1+ 51.Kf5 Re3 52.Be4 f3 53.Rh6+ Kd7 54.Kxe5 f2 55.Rf6 Re2 56.Kd5 Ke7 57.Rf3 d3 58.Bxd3 Re1 59.Rxf2 Rc1 60.Re2+ Kd7 61.Kxc5 Ra1 62.Kd4 Ra5 63.Kc3 Rh5 64.Re4 Rxh3 65.Rd4+* 1-0 (65) tinymonster (2719)-TeliTmas (2566) Blitz 2020*)* 8.Nd4 c5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nf5 0-0 12.Bh6 gxh6 13.Qg4+ Bg5 14.Nxh6+ Kh8 15.Qxg5 f6 16.Qh5 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rxe8 18.0-0-0 Kg7 19.Nf5+ Kg6 20.Rhf1 Rxe5 21.Nh4+ Kg7 22.Nf5+ Kg6 23.Rxd5 Nc6 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.Ne7+ Kg7 26.Nd5 Rf8 27.h3 b6 28.b3 Ng6 29.c4 f5 30.g3 h5 31.h4 Ne5 32.Re1 Nf3 33.Re7+ Kg6 34.Nf4+ Kf6 35.Rxa7 Rg8 36.Rb7 Rxg3

37.Nxh5+ 1-0 (37) IDISJUDA (2751)-Roma-Matinyan271988 (2639) Blitz 2024;

C) 7.Bd3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Bf4 a6 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.g4 Qa4 14.Kb1 0-0-0 15.Ng3 g5 16.Be3 Qxg4 17.Qf2 h6 18.Rhf1 Qc4 19.Nf5 Rhe8 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7 21.Bxc5 d4 22.Bxe7 Qxa2+ 23.Kc1 Qa1+ 24.Kd2 dxc3+ 25.Ke3 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qxd1 27.bxc3 Qd5 28.Bd6 Qc4 29.Kd2 Qf4+ 30.Qxf4 gxf4 31.Ke2 Bd5 32.Kf2 Kd7 33.Bb8 Ke6 34.Bc7 Kf5 35.Ke2 Be4 36.Kd2 b5 37.Bd6 a5 38.Bc7 a4 39.Bd6 Kg4 40.h3+ Kf3 41.h4 Kg2 42.e6 fxe6 43.Bxf4 a3 44.c4 a2 45.Be5 1-0 (45) littleplotkin (2750)-kc6 (2600) Blitz 2021;

D) 7.Be3 c5 8.0-0-0 Nd7 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Ne2 0-0-0 11.Bxd7+ Rxd7 12.Nf4 Qc6 13.Rhf1 Be7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.c4 d4 16.Qxc6+ bxc6 17.Bd2 Kd8 18.Rf7 Rg8 19.Rdf1 Ke8 20.g4 Rf8 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Rf3 Rf7 23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Kd1 h6 25.h4 g6 26.h5 g5 27.Be1 Bg7 28.Bg3 Ke7 29.Ke2 Kd7 30.Kd3 Kc7 31.c3 dxc3 32.Kxc3 Kb6 33.b3 a5 34.a4 Ka6 35.Kd3 Kb6 36.Ke4 Bh8 37.Bf2 Bg7 38.Be3 Bf8 39.Kd3 Bg7 40.Bf2 Bxe5 41.Ke4 Bf6 42.Bg3 Bg7 43.Be5 Bf8 44.Bf6 Kc7 45.Ke5 Kd7 46.Bh8 Ke7 47.Bf6+ Kd7 48.Ke4 Kd6 49.Bd8 Be7 50.Bxa5 Bf6 51.Bd2 Kc7 52.a5 Kb7 53.Be3 Ka6 54.Bxc5 Kxa5 55.Bd4 Bxd4 56.Kxd4 Kb4 57.Ke5 Kxb3 58.c5 Kc4 59.Kd6 e5 60.Kxc6 e4 61.Kd6 e3 62.c6 e2 63.c7 e1Q 64.c8Q+ Kd3 65.Qf5+ Ke2 66.Qe4+ Kf2 67.Qxe1+ Kxe1 68.Ke5 Kf2 69.Kf6 Kf3 70.Kg6 Kxg4 71.Kxh6 Kf4 72.Kg6 g4 73.h6 g3 74.h7 g2 75.h8Q g1Q+ 76.Kf7 Qe3 77.Qh6+ Kf3 78.Qxe3+ Kxe3 ½-½ (78) satlan (2742)-YaYestGrut (2569) Blitz 2022;

E) 7.Qg3

E1) 7...Nd7 8.Nf3 c5 9.Bf4 h6 10.h4 Qc7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Kb1 Kb8 13.Rxd5 Bxd5 14.e6 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bd6 16.exf7 Bxf7 17.Bd3 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Rxh8 Rxh8 20.Nc6+ bxc6 0-1 (20) Molt7n (2791)-YMOG43 (2860) Blitz 2021;

E2) 7...c5 8.Bb5+ *(8.Nh3 h5 9.Ng5 h4 10.Qf3 Nc6 11.Bb5 Qc7 12.0-0 h3 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 Qxe5 15.Qg6+ Kd8 16.Bxc6 hxg2 17.Bg5+ Be7 18.Bxe7+ Kxe7 19.Qf7+ Kd6 20.Qd7#* Normal 1-0 (20) Aborigen100500 (2717)-checkmate3141 (2360) Rapid 2024 *)* 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 *(9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne2 d4 11.cxd4 cxd4 12.0-0 Qd7 13.Nf4 h5 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.h3 h4 16.Qg5 Rd8 17.Bd2 Rd5 18.Rae1 Qe7 19.Qf4 Qe6 20.c4 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Be7 22.Kh1 0-0 23.Re4 Rfd8 24.Qf3 Rd3 25.Qe2 Rxh3+ 26.gxh3 Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 Bc5+ 28.Rf2 Qg3+ 29.Kf1 Rd1+ 30.Be1 Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Rd3 32.Rg4 Rg3+ 33.Rxg3 hxg3 34.e6 Qh2+* 0-1 (34) Aborigen100500 (2720)-mr-a7aaaa17a7a (2695) Rapid

2024 *)* 9...h6 *(9...Be7 10.Qxg7 Kd7 11.Qg3 Rg8 12.Qf2 Kc7 13.Be3 b6 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Bd3 h5 16.h4 Qe8 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Kb7 19.Bf4 Rd8 20.Be2 Bg4 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Rh6 Rg6 23.Qg3 Qe6 24.Rdh1 Rdg8 25.Rxg6 fxg6 26.Rh7+ Kc8 27.Qd3 b5 28.b3 Rf8 29.g3 Rf7 30.Rh6 Ne7 31.Qe3 Qc6 32.e6 Rf5 33.Rh8+ Kb7 34.Rh7 d4 35.Rxe7+ Kb6 36.cxd4 Ka5 37.Bc7+ Kb4 38.Kb2 cxd4 39.Qxd4+ Qc4 40.c3#* 1-0 (40) ice2breaker (2744)-PhoenixRebornAshes (2563) Blitz 2021*)* 10.Bxc6+ *(10.0-0 Qb6 11.a4 0-0-0 12.Kh1 Be7 13.b3 a6 14.Bd3 c4 15.bxc4 dxc4 16.Be4 Qa5 17.Bxc6 Qxc3 18.Bxb7+ Kxb7 19.Bb2 Qa5 20.Nd4 Qd5 21.Rab1 Ka8 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Ba3 Bxa3 24.Qxa3 Rb8 25.Rbd1 Qxe5 26.Qf3+ Rb7 27.Rd7 Rhb8 28.h3 Ka7 29.Rdd1 Qc5 30.Qe4 e5 31.Rd5 Qc7 32.Rxe5 Rb1 33.Qe3+ Ka8 34.Ref5 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Rc8 36.Qd4 Qb7 37.a5 c3 38.Qe5 Qc7 39.Qe4+ Qc6 40.Qd4 Rc7 41.Qd8+ Kb7 42.Rb1+ Qb5 43.Rxb5+ axb5 44.Qd4 Rc6 45.Qd7+ Rc7 46.Qxb5+* Normal 1-0 (46) Aborigen100500 (2708)-Deckerstar (2559) Rapid 2024 *)* 10...bxc6 11.0-0 g5 12.Be3 Be7 13.b4 d4 14.cxd4 cxb4 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.a3 c5 17.dxc5 bxa3 18.c4 Qd3 19.Qf3 0-0 20.Ne4 Rad8 21.Rfd1 Qxc4 22.Nd6 Qg4 23.Qxg4 Bxg4 24.Rdc1 f6 25.Bd4 fxe5 26.Bxe5 Rd7 27.Rxa3 Rc7 28.Rac3 Rc6 29.h3 Bh5 30.Ra1 Ra8 31.Ra5 a6 32.Nf5 Bf8 33.Nd4 Rcc8 34.c6 Bb4 35.Rac5 Bxc3 36.Rxc3 Be8 37.c7 Bd7 38.Nb3 Ra7 39.Na5 Kf7 40.Kf2 Ke6 41.Bd4 Bb5 42.Bxa7 Kd7 43.Bb8 1-0 (43) IDISJUDA (2747)-toomanymanoevres (2964) Blitz 2023;

E3) 7...Nc6 8.Be3 Qd7 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 10.Nf3 Be7 11.Be2 h5 12.Rd2 Na5 13.Kb1 Qa4 14.b3 Qa3 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Rf1 c5 17.Nf5 c4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Bg5 Qa3 20.Bxd8 Rxd8 21.Rxf7 Be6 22.Rxg7 Bf5 23.Qg5 Be4 24.Qe7 Qxe7 25.Rxe7 cxb3 26.axb3 Nxb3 27.Rd1 Nc5 28.Rf1 Na4 29.Bxh5 Nxc3+ 30.Kc1 d4 31.Re8 Rxe8 32.Bxe8 Bxg2 33.Rf7 Bd5 34.Bd7+ Kd8 35.e6 Ne4 36.h4 Nc5 37.h5 Nxe6 38.Bxe6 Bxe6 39.Rxb7 Ke8 40.h6 Bf5 41.h7 Bxh7 42.Rxh7 Kd8 43.Rxa7 Kc8 44.Ra4 Kd8 45.Rxd4+ Kc8 46.Kd2 Kc7 47.Kd3 Kc8 48.Kc4 Kc7 49.Kc5 Kc8 50.Kc6 Kb8 51.Rd8+ Ka7 52.Rc8 Ka6 53.Ra8# 1-0 (53) Aborigen100500 (2739)-Ferran1850 (2659) Rapid 2024;

E4) 7...h5 8.Nf3 h4 9.Qf2 Be7 10.Nd4 Qd7 11.Be3 a6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.c4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 c5 15.Bxc5 Bg4 16.Rxd5 Qf5 17.Qxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Bd3 Be6 20.Rd6 Rac8 21.Rb6 Rc7 22.b3 Rh5 23.Re1 Kd7 24.Kd2

Rg5 25.Be4 Kc8 26.Bf3 Rf5 27.h3 Rg5 28.Re4 Rd7+ 29.Kc3 Kc7 30.Rxb7+ Kxb7 31.Rg4+ Kb6 32.Rxg5 g6 33.Bg4 Re7 34.Bxe6 Rxe6 35.b4 Kc6 36.Kd4 Re8 37.Rg4 Rd8+ 38.Kc3 Rd1 39.Rxh4 Rf1 40.Rd4 Rf2 41.g4 Kb7 42.a4 Rf3+ 43.Rd3 Rf4 44.a5 Kc7 45.Kb3 Re4 46.Rf3 Rxe5 47.Rxf7+ Kc6 48.Rf6+ Kb7 49.Rb6+ Ka7 50.Rxg6 Re3+ 51.c3 Rxh3 52.Rg7+ Kb8 53.b5 Rg3 54.b6 Rg1 55.c5 Rf1 56.c6 Rf8 57.Rb7+ Kc8 58.Ra7 Kb8 59.c7+ Kc8 60.Ra8+ Kd7 61.Rxf8 Kc6 62.c8Q+ Kd5 63.Rf5+ Ke4 64.Qe6+ Kd3 65.Rd5# 1-0 (65) Aborigen100500 (2726)-drunknight (2407) Rapid 2024;

E5) 7...h6 8.Nf3 c5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Bd3 g5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Bb5 *(12.Rad1 Qc7 13.c4 d4 14.Bc1 0-0-0 15.b3 Rdg8 16.Rde1 Qd8 17.Nd2 g4 18.Ne4 Bh4 19.Qf4 Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Qe7 21.Ba3 b6 22.Nd6+ Kc7 23.Be4 Qg5 24.Nb5+ Kd7 25.Bxc6+ Kxc6 26.Qe4+ Kd7 27.Qb7+ Ke8 28.Nc7+ Ke7 29.Nxe6+ Kxe6 30.Qd5+ Ke7 31.Qd6+ Ke8 32.e6 Qd8 33.exf7+ Kxf7 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Qxg4+ Kh7 36.Qf5+ Rg6 37.Re6 Rhg8 38.Bc1 Qf8 39.Qe4 h5 40.h4 R8g7 41.Bg5 Qf7 42.Re7 Qf8 43.Re8 Qf7 44.Qa8 Re6 45.Rh8+ Kg6 46.Rf8 Qc7 47.Bf4 Qb7 48.Qd8 Qe7 49.Qc8 Re1+ 50.Kh2 Qxh4+* 0-1 (50) ssj2gohan (2765)-ma_long_ma (2681) Blitz 2023*)* 12...Qb6 13.a4 a6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.b4 a5 16.bxc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 18.Nd4 Rb8 19.Kh1 Qc4 20.Rf6 Ke7 21.Raf1 Rhf8 22.h4 c5 23.Nc6+ Kd7 24.Nxb8+ Rxb8 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Qxg5 Qxc3 27.Rxf7+ Kc6 28.Rc7+ Kxc7 29.Qe7+ Kb6 30.Rb1+ Ka6 31.Qxe6+ Ka7 32.Qd7+ Ka8 33.Qc6+ Ka7 34.Qc7+ 1-0 (34) ice2breaker (2816)-Viktor_Solovyov (2706) Blitz 2022]

[6...Qh4+ 7.g3 Qe4+ 8.Qxe4 dxe4 9.Bg2

A) 9...Bf5 10.Ne2 Nd7 *(10...Nc6 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Rd8 13.Be3 Be7 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Rhf1 Bg6 16.c3 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Rde1 Rde8 19.Bf4 c6 20.Re3 Rf7 21.Rfe1 Rfe7 22.Bh3 Rd8 23.Bf1 b5 24.Bg2 h6 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Kf7 28.Kc2 Rd7 29.Be5 a5 30.Rf4 Re7 31.Kd3 a4 32.Rf5 Kg6 33.Bxf6 Rf7 34.g4 gxf6 35.Rc5 Rc7 36.b4 axb3 37.axb3 Kf7 38.c4 bxc4+ 39.bxc4 Ke7 40.d5 Kd6 41.Rxc6+ Rxc6 42.dxc6 Kxc6 43.Ke4 Kd6 44.Kf5* 1-0 (44) Aborigen100500 (2715)-boppintothebeat (2429) Rapid 2023 *)* 11.Nd4 Bg6 12.e6 Nf6 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.exf7+ Bxf7 15.0-0 Nxf4 16.Rxf4 Bg6 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4+ Kd7 19.Rf1 g6 20.Rf7+ Kd6 21.Re6+ Kd5 22.Rxc7 Rd8 23.Re2 b6 24.Kg2 Bc5 25.Ne6 Rde8 26.Rd7+ Kc6 27.Rxa7 b5 28.Ra6+ Bb6 29.a4 bxa4 30.Rxa4 Kd6 31.Rae4 Re7 32.c4 Rhe8

33.c5+ Bxc5 34.Nxc5 1-0 (34) ice2breaker (2790)-Corocoronando (2559) Blitz 2021;

B) 9...Nc6

B1) 10.Bf4 Bf5

B1a) 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.h4 *(12.Re1 g5 13.Bd2 0-0-0 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Rd5 16.Nf3 h6 17.c4 Rd7 18.Bc3 Rhd8 19.a3 Bc5 20.b4 Bd4 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Rf1 Rxc4 25.Rxf7 Re4 26.Rh7 Rxe5 27.Rxh6 Re2 28.Rh7 b5 29.Kb2 g4 30.Rh4 Kb7 31.Kc3 Kb6 32.Kd3 Rf2 33.c3 a5 34.Rh6+ c6 35.bxa5+ Kxa5 36.Rxc6 Rxh2 37.Rg6 Ra2 38.Rxg4 Rxa3 39.Rg8 Kb6 40.g4 Ra1 41.g5 Re1 42.g6 Kb7 43.Kd4 Rg1 44.Ke5 Rg3 45.Kd4 Rg4+ 46.Kd5 Rg3 47.g7 Rg6 48.Kc5 Rg5+ 49.Kb4 Ka7 50.Kb3 Kb7 51.Kc2 Rg3 52.Kd2 Ka7 53.Ke2 Kb7 54.Kf2 Rg6 55.Kf3 Rg1 56.Kf4 Ka7 57.Kf5 Kb7 58.Kf6 Rf1+ 59.Ke6 Re1+ 60.Kd6 Rg1 61.Ke6 Re1+ 62.Kd6 Rg1 63.Ke6 Re1+ ½-½ (63) Aborigen100500 (2729)-Normal_one (2699) Rapid 2023; 12.Ne2 g5 13.Be3 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Bg4 15.Rde1 0-0-0 16.Bxe4 Nc4 17.Bf5+ Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Bf6 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Rhe8 21.c3 Kd7 22.Nh6 Nd6 23.Ng4 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 f5 25.Nf6+ Kc6 26.Nxh7 g4 27.Nf6 Rh8 28.Re2 Rh6 29.Ng8 Rh7 30.Ne7+ Kb5 31.b3 Ne4 32.c4+ Kb4 33.Nxf5 Nc3 34.Rd2 Ne4 35.Rc2 Ng5 36.Ne3 Nf3 37.Nxg4 Nxd4 38.Rd2 c5 39.Kb2 Rf7 40.Ne5 1-0 (40) Aborigen100500 (2718)-Normal_one (2709) Rapid 2023)* 12...h6 13.Ne2 0-0 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 g5 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Be3 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Rdf1 Bg6 20.Rf2 Be7 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.g4 Bd6 23.Kd2 Bf4 24.Ke2 b5 25.c3 a6 26.Rf1 c6 27.b3 a5 28.Rc1 Bxe3 29.Kxe3 Rf4 30.c4 Rxg4 31.Bh1 bxc4 32.bxc4 Rg3+ 33.Kf2 Rd3 34.d5 Kf7 35.dxc6 Rd6 36.Ke3 Rd3+ 37.Kf2 Rd6 38.c5 Rxc6 39.Ke3 Ke7 40.Kd4 Kd7 41.Bxe4 Bxe4 42.Kxe4 Re6+ 43.Kd5 Re2 44.Rg1 Rd2+ 45.Kc4 Rxa2 46.Rxg5 Kc6 47.Rg6+ Kc7 48.Rg7+ Kc6 49.Rg6+ Kc7 50.Rg7+ Kc6 51.Rg6+ ½-½ (51) Aborigen100500 (2740)-extermo44 (2529) Rapid 2024;

B1b) 11.Ne2 Bc5 12.b4 Bb6 13.a4 a5 14.b5 Ne7 15.Nd4 Bg6 16.0-0-0 Rd8 17.Rhe1 Nd5 18.Kb2 f5 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Ne6 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Kf7 22.Bxc7 Bf2 23.Nd8+ Ke7 24.Nxb7 e3 25.Bf3 Bh5 26.Bd6+ Kf7 27.Bxh5+ Nxh5 28.Bc5 Rb8 29.Rd7+ Ke6 30.Re7+ Kf6 31.Rc7 Bg1 32.Bd4+ Kf5 33.Re7 Nf6 34.Nd6+ Kg4 35.Rxg7+ Kf3

36.Rf7 e2 37.Rxf6+ 1-0 (37) ice2breaker (2770)-Jizn_voram_24 (2603) Blitz 2022;

B2) 10.Bxe4 Nxe5 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.0-0 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 0-0 14.Be3 Bh3 15.Rfe1 c6 16.Rad1 Bc7 17.Bc5 Rfe8 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Bxa7 Ra8 20.Bc5 Rxa2 21.Ba3 f6 22.Kf2 Kf7 23.g4 Ke6 24.Re1+ Be5 25.Be2 b5 26.Bf3 c5 27.Rd1 c4 28.Bd5+ Kd7 29.Bxc4+ 1-0 (29) Artoo (2808)-Bilych,O (2327) Blitz 2021]

[6...c5

A) 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Bg3 Qd7 11.h3 g5 12.Bh2 0-0-0 13.Kb1 h5 14.Qe3 h4 15.Ng1 d4 16.Qe4 Bd5 17.Qe1 Qe6 18.b3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxb3 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Be2 Bxa2+ 22.Kb2 f5 23.Nf3 Bd5 24.Ra1 b6 25.Bb5 Kb8 26.Bg1 Na5 27.Be3 f4 28.Bd2 Nc4+ 29.Bxc4 Bxc4 30.Qa3 Rd7 31.Bc3 a5 32.Nd2 Bd5 33.Qa4 Qc6 34.Qa3 Qb5+ 35.Kc1 Bxg2 36.Rb1 Qc6 37.Qxa5 Rb7 38.Qa6 Bxh3 39.e6 Bxe6 40.Be5+ Bd6 41.Bxd6+ Qxd6 42.Ra1 Kc7 43.Qa8 Bc8 44.Ra7 h3 45.Rxb7+ Bxb7 46.Qh8 g4 47.Qg7+ Qd7 48.Qh6 Qf5 49.Nc4 Bc6 50.Qd6+ Kb7 51.Qe7+ Qd7 52.Qf6 h2 53.Ne5 h1Q+ 54.Kb2 Qd4+ 55.c3 Qd2+ 0-1 (55) tinymonster (2785)-Gigantell0 (2699) Blitz 2021;

B) 7.Bf4

B1) 7...Nc6 8.0-0-0 Be6 *(8...Qa5 9.a3 Be6 10.Rxd5 Bxd5 11.Qxd5 Rd8 12.Qe4 Be7 13.Nf3 Rd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.Qxe6 Nd8 16.Qe4 Qb6 17.Ne5 Rd6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Re1 Rdf6 20.Bg3 Ne6 21.Qxh7 a6 22.Ng4 Ng5 23.Qxg7* 1-0 (23) Antham (2736)-Alamzhi (2603) Blitz 2022*)* 9.Bc4 *(9.Kb1 Qc7 10.Qg3 0-0-0 11.Nf3 h6 12.h4 Kb8 13.h5 Ka8 14.Be2 a6 15.Nh4 Qc8 16.Rhf1 b5 17.Bc1 Ka7 18.Bd3 Qb8 19.Rde1 b4 20.Bf5 bxc3 21.Qxc3 c4 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Rf7+ Ka8 24.a3 Bc5 25.Ng6 Rhe8 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Qb5 28.Ka1 Rb8 29.Rb1 Rec8 30.Rxg7 Qa4 31.Ne7 Rb7 32.Nxc8* 1-0 (32) Art29 (2715)-MothAndTheFlame (2836) Blitz 2021 *)*

B1a) 9...d4 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Ne2 *(11.cxd4 cxd4 12.Ne2 Bc5 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxd4 0-0-0 16.Bc3 Qxa2 17.b3 Qa3+ 18.Kb1 Qc5 19.Bb2 Nb4 20.Qe4 Nd5 21.Rd3 g6 22.Rhd1 Nc7 23.Rd6 Rhe8 24.b4 Qb5 25.Qd4 Rxd6 26.exd6 Nd5 27.Qxa7 Kd7 28.Qc5 Qxc5 29.bxc5 Rc8 30.Bd4 e5 31.Bxe5 Rxc5 32.Rf1 Nc3+ 33.Bxc3 Rxc3 34.Rf7+ Kxd6 35.Rxb7 h5 36.Rg7 Ke5 37.Rxg6 Rc8 38.h4 Kf4 39.Rg5 Rb8+ 40.Kc1 Ra8 41.Rxh5 Ra1+ 42.Kd2 Rg1 43.Rg5 Rh1 44.g3+ Kf3 45.Kd3 Rd1+ 46.Kc4 Rc1 47.c3 Ke4 48.Rg4+ Kf5 49.Rf4+ Ke5 50.h5 Rh1 51.Rh4 Rg1 52.h6 Rxg3 53.h7 Rg7 54.h8Q Kf6 55.Qxg7+ Kxg7*

56.Rd4 Kf6 57.Kd3 Ke6 58.c4 Ke7 59.c5 Ke6 60.c6 Ke7 61.c7 Ke6 62.c8Q+ Ke5 63.Qc4 Kf6 64.Qc5 Kf7 65.Rd6 Ke8 66.Qc7 Kf8 67.Rd8# 1-0 (67) tinymonster (2733)-angelito_78 (2609) Blitz 2022*)* 11...Qa5 12.cxd4 *(12.a3 0-0-0 13.Qg4 Re8 14.Rhf1 g6 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rfe1 Bh6+ 19.Kb1 Qxh2 20.Nb5 Kb8 21.Qd4 Qf4 22.Qxa7+* 1-0 (22) Aborigen100500 (2726)-TomasSosa (2765) Blitz 2022 *)* 12...Qxa2 13.d5 exd5 14.Nc3 Qa1+ 15.Kd2 Qa5 16.Ra1 Qb4 17.Ra4 Qb6 18.Nxd5 0-0-0 19.Qh3+ Kb8 20.e6+ Ka8 21.Qd3 Rxd5 22.Qxd5 Be7 23.Qb3 Rd8+ 24.Kc1 Nb4 25.Bd2 Qc6 26.Bxb4 cxb4 27.Kb1 Qxg2 28.Re1 Qxh2 29.Qe3 a6 30.Qf3 Qd2 31.Rxa6+ Kb8 32.Qg3+ Bd6 33.Rxd6 1-0 (33) satlan (2751)-ma_long_ma (2618) Blitz 2023;

B1b) 9...g5 10.Bxd5 Bxd5 11.Rxd5 Qa5 12.e6 gxf4 13.exf7+ Kxf7 14.Rf5+ Ke8 15.Nh3 Kd7 16.Rd1+ Kc7 17.Nxf4 Bh6 18.Rf7+ Kb6 19.Rdd7 Rab8 20.Kb1 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Rhe8 22.a3 Qb5 23.c4 Qa4 24.Qc7+ Ka6 25.Qd6 Re1+ 26.Ka2 Qxc4+ 0-1 (26) Aborigen100500 (2738)-Greyworm (2697) Blitz 2022;

B1c) 9...Qa5 10.Bxd5 Bxd5 11.Qxd5 Rd8 12.Qc4 Rxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Be7 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Kc1 Nd8 16.Kb1 Ne6 17.Rd1 Rd8 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.a3 b5 21.Qe4 h6 22.Kc1 c4 23.Be3 Nc5 24.Qa8+ Kh7 25.h3 a6 26.Bxc5 Bxc5 27.Qxa6 Be3+ 28.Kb1 Qd1+ 29.Ka2 Qxc2 30.Qxb5 Qxg2 31.Qd5 Qe2 32.Qe4+ g6 33.Nd4 Qd3 34.Qxd3 cxd3 35.Kb1 h5 36.a4 Bf4 37.a5 1-0 (37) BestBefore (2704)-iakov98 (2705) Blitz 2022;

B1d) 9...dxc4 10.Rxd8+ Rxd8 11.Qg3 h6 12.h4 g6 13.Qe3 b6 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Nd2 Nd5 16.Qf3 Nxf4 17.Qxf4 h5 18.Ne4 Bh6 19.Ng5 0-0 20.b3 cxb3 21.axb3 Rd7 22.Rf1 Rfd8 23.Kb2 Rd2 24.Rf2 Rxf2 25.Qxf2 Bxg5 26.hxg5 Rd7 27.c4 Kg7 28.Kc3 Kg8 29.Kb2 Rd4 30.g3 Re4 31.Qd2 Rxe5 32.Qd6 Rf5 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qxa7 Rxg5 35.Qxb6 Rxg3 36.Qxc5 h4 37.Qf2 Rg4 38.c5 h3 39.c6 Rg5 40.c7 Rf5 41.Qh2 Rh5 42.b4 g5 43.c4 g4 44.b5 g3 45.Qc2+ Kg7 46.b6 g2 47.b7 g1Q 48.Qc3+ Kg6 49.c8Q Qf2+ 50.Qc2+ Qxc2+ 51.Kxc2 Bxc8 52.bxc8Q h2 53.Qg4+ Kh6 54.Qf4+ Kg6 55.Qe4+ Kf6 56.Qh1 Ke7 57.Kd3 Kd6 58.Ke3 Kc7 59.Kf2 Rh7 60.Kg2 Rh8 61.Kf3 Rh7 62.Kf4 Rh8 63.Kf5 Rh7 64.Kf6 Kb6 65.Ke5 Kc7 66.Kd4 Rh5

67.c5 f6 68.Kc4 Rh4+ 69.Kb5 Kd8 70.c6 Kc7 71.Kc5 Rh5+ 72.Kd4 Kd6 73.Ke3 Rc5 74.Qxh2+ Kxc6 75.Qh6 Re5+ 76.Kf4 Re6 77.Kf5 Rd6 78.Qf8 Kd7 79.Qf7+ Kc6 80.Qe7 Rd2 81.Qxf6+ Rd6 82.Qc3+ Kd7 83.Qc4 Rc6 84.Qb5 Kc7 85.Ke5 Rh6 86.Qc4+ Kb7 87.Qb4+ Ka6 88.Qa3+ Kb7 89.Qf3+ Rc6 90.Kd5 Kb6 91.Qb3+ Kc7 92.Qb5 Rd6+ 93.Kc5 Rh6 94.Qa5+ Kb7 95.Qb4+ Kc8 96.Qg4+ Kb7 97.Qg7+ 1-0 (97) Lagarde,M (2655)-Ivanchuk,V (2678) Europe-Echecs INT 2020;

B1e) 9...Ne7 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.c4 d4 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qxc6+ Bd7 14.Qa6 Be7 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 h6 17.Kb1 Bf5 18.Ne1 Qd7 19.Nd3 Rfc8 20.g3 Rc6 21.Qa4 Qb7 22.Rhe1 Ra6 23.Qb3 Qc8 24.Rd2 Rb8 25.Qxb8 Qxb8 26.e6 Qc8 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Ne5+ Kg8 29.b3 Re6 30.Rde2 Bf6 31.g4 Bh7 32.g5 hxg5 33.hxg5 Bxe5 34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.Bxe5 Qf5 36.Kb2 Qxc2+ 37.Ka3 d3 38.Bd6 d2 39.Rf1 Bf5 0-1 (39) Rivuza (2773)-ma_long_ma (2648) Blitz 2021;

B2) 7...Be6 8.0-0-0

B2a) 8...Qc7 Huber,G: 'is a less tactical approach. ist ein weniger taktisches Vorgehen.' Huber,G: 'is a less tactical approach.'Huber,G: 'ist ein weniger taktisches Vorgehen.' 9.g3 *(9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Ng5 0-0-0 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qh3* Huber,G: ' ∞' Huber,G: 'Baljon-Van der Wiel, 1982. Baljon-Van der Wiel, 1982.' Huber,G: 'Baljon-Van der Wiel, 1982.' Huber,G: 'Baljon-Van der Wiel, 1982.'*)* 9...Nc6 10.Bh3 0-0-0 11.Rxd5 Be7 12.Bxe6+ fxe6 13.Rxd8+ Rxd8 14.Qg4 Qd7 15.Nf3 h6 16.h4 Kb8 17.b3 c4 18.Kb1 Ba3 19.Nd2 cxb3 20.axb3 Qd5 21.Qf3 Qc5 22.Nc4 Kc7 23.Be3 Nxe5 24.Bxc5 Nxf3 25.Bxa3 b5 26.Ne3 1-0 (26) tinymonster (2740)-angelito_78 (2602) Blitz 2022;

B2b) 8...Qa5 9.c4 Qxa2 10.cxd5 Qa1+ 11.Kd2 Qa5+ 12.Kc1 Qa1+ 13.Kd2 Qa5+ 14.Qc3 Qd8 *(14...Qxc3+ 15.Kxc3 Bf5 16.Nf3 h6 17.Bb5+ Bd7 18.Bc4 g5 19.Bg3 b5 20.Bd3 Bg7 21.b4 cxb4+ 22.Kb3 a5 23.Rhe1 Na6 24.e6 Nc5+ 25.Ka2 fxe6 26.dxe6 Bxe6+ 27.Rxe6+ Nxe6 28.Bxb5+ Kf7 29.Rd7+ Kg6 30.Bd3+ Kh5 31.Bf5 Rad8 32.Bc7 g4 33.Bxd8 Rxd8 34.Bxe6 Rxd7 35.Bxd7 gxf3 36.gxf3 Be5 37.h3 Kg5 38.Kb3 Bc7 39.c3 bxc3 40.Kxc3 Kf4 41.Bg4 Bd8 42.Kb3 Bc7 43.h4 Bd8 44.h5 Bc7 45.Ka4 Bd8 46.Kb3 Bc7 47.Ka4 Bd8 48.Kb3* ½-½ (46) Lagarde,M (2638)-Guliyev,N (2538) Europe-Echecs INT 2021*)* 15.Kc1 Bg4 16.Nf3 Bxf3 17.Bb5+ Nd7 18.Qxf3 Qa5

19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.e6+ Kc8 21.Kb1 fxe6 22.dxe6 Be7 23.Rd7 Re8 24.Qxb7# 1-0 (24) Rivuza (2704)-zim0ne (2642) Blitz 2022;

B2c) 8...Nd7 9.Nh3 h6 10.Nf2 Qa5 11.a3 *(11.Kb1 0-0-0 12.b3 g5 13.Bc1 Bg7 14.Nd3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bb2 Rd7 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Qxc3 19.Rhe1 c4 20.Be2 Qxf3 21.Bxf3 cxb3 22.axb3 d4 23.Rd2 Rhd8 24.Red1 Kc7 25.Kb2 Rd6 26.Ra1 a6 27.Re1 R8d7 28.Re5 Kb6 29.h4 gxh4 30.Rh5 Rc7 31.Rxh4 Bf5 32.Bd1 Rcd7 33.Rh5 Be4 34.Bg4 f5 35.Bxf5 Bxf5 36.Rxf5 Rd5 37.Rf4 R7d6 38.Rh4 Kc5 39.Rd3 a5 40.Ka3 b5 41.Kb2 Rg5 42.Rd2 h5 43.Rf4 Rdd5 44.Rf8 Rg3 45.Rc8+ Kb4 46.Re2 h4 47.Rf2 h3 48.gxh3 Rxh3 49.Rg2 a4 50.bxa4 Kxa4 51.Rg7 Kb4 52.Rgc7 Rh2 53.Re7 d3 54.Re4+ Ka5 55.Ra8+ Kb6 56.Re6+ Kc5 57.Rc8+ Kb4 58.Ra6* 1-0 (58) DrunkenDude (2761)-mkheeh (2590) Blitz 2022 *)* 11...c4 12.Ng4 Be7 13.Ne3 Nb6 14.h4 Rd8 15.g4 Na4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Rxd8+ Bxd8 18.Qxb7 Qb6 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.Nf5 0-0 21.Be3 h5 22.Nd6 Bxg4 23.a4 Nxa4 24.Nxc4 Nb6 25.Nd6 a6 26.c4 Be6 27.b3 Bc7 28.Kb2 Rb8 29.Kc3 Nd7 30.Bd4 f6 31.c5 fxe5 32.Be3 Bxd6 33.cxd6 Rc8+ 34.Kb2 Bf5 35.c4 Kf7 36.Ra1 Ra8 37.b4 Be4 38.b5 axb5 39.Rf1+ Ke6 40.cxb5 Rb8 41.Kc3 Rxb5 42.Rg1 g6 43.Ra1 Bd5 44.Kd2 Rb3 45.Ra7 Be4 46.Ra5 Rd3+ 47.Ke2 Rd5 48.Ra8 Bd3+ 49.Kf2 Bf5 50.Rh8 Kxd6 51.Bg5 e4 52.Kg3 Ne5 53.Kf4 Nd3+ 54.Ke3 Nc5 55.Rd8+ Bd7 56.Rh8 Rd3+ 57.Ke2 Ne6 58.Bf4+ Nxf4+ 59.Kf2 Ne6 60.Ke1 Nd4 61.Kf2 Nf5 62.Kg1 Be6 63.Re8 Rd1+ 64.Kf2 Rd2+ 65.Ke1 e3 66.Rd8+ Ke5 67.Ra8 Kf4 68.Ra4+ Kf3 69.Ra1 Bb3 70.Rb1 Rd1+ 71.Rxd1 Bxd1 72.Kxd1 Kf2 73.Kc2 e2 74.Kc3 e1Q+ 75.Kc4 Qh1 76.Kc5 Qxh4 77.Kc6 Qd4 78.Kc7 Ne3 79.Kc8 Kf3 80.Kb7 h4 81.Ka8 h3 82.Kb8 h2 83.Ka8 h1Q 84.Kb7 Qc1 85.Kb8 ½-½ (85) Artoo (2775)-Elsny13 (2554) Blitz 2021;

C) 7.Qg3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Be6 9.Bd3 *(9.Bd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 d4 11.c4 Qa6 12.Kb1 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Rhf1 0-0-0 15.Ng5 Rd7 16.Rde1 Nd8 17.Qh3 Be7 18.Nxf7 Rf8 19.e6 Rc7 20.Nd6+ Kb8 21.Nxc4* 1-0 (21) ice2breaker (2787)-peahuelle (2608) Blitz 2023 *)* 9...h6 10.0-0 c4 11.Be2 Qb6+ 12.Kh1 0-0-0 13.b3 g5 14.Nd2 Qc5 15.Bg4 Bxg4 16.Qxg4+ Kb8 17.Nf3 Bg7 18.Qf5 Qe7 19.Be3 Nxe5 20.Bd4 f6 21.Rae1 Rhe8 22.Nd2 Qc7 23.a4 h5 24.b4 h4 25.b5 Qd7 26.Qf2 b6 27.Nf3 Ng4 28.Qd2 Rxe1

29.Rxe1 Re8 30.h3 Nh6 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Nxg5 Nf5 33.Nf3 Qe4 34.Bf2 Bh6 35.Qd1 Be3 36.Bxe3 Nxe3 37.Qe1 Nxc2 38.Qc1 Ne3 39.Qa3 Qb1+ 40.Ng1 Qe1 41.Qf8+ Kc7 42.Qf7+ Kc8 43.Qxf6 Nf1 44.Qc6+ Kb8 45.Qd6+ Kc8 46.Qc6+ Kb8 47.Qd6+ Kc8 48.Qc6+ ½-½ (48) trafficplainer (2799)-aFANofFUN (2764) Blitz 2023]

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A) 7.Bf4 Be6 *(7...Qa5 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Ne2 Nc5 10.Nd4 Nxd3+ 11.cxd3 c5 12.Qxd5 Qb6 13.Nb3 Be6 14.Qf3 0-0-0 15.Be3 Rxd3 16.Qe4 Rd7 17.0-0 Be7 18.Rad1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 h6 20.Qf3 Bxb3 21.axb3 Qxb3 22.Qg4+ Qe6 23.Qxg7 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.Bxh6 Kd7 26.h3 Kc6 27.Bg5 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Kd5 29.Qf4 b5 30.b3 Kc6 31.b4 cxb4 32.cxb4 Kd5 33.h4 Qg6 34.Kh2 Qh5 35.Kh3 Qg6 36.Qf6 Qh7 37.Qd6+ Ke4 38.Qf6 Kd5 39.g3 Kc4 40.Qf4+ Kd5 41.Kg4 Qg6+ 42.Kf3 Qd3+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+ 44.Kh3 Qh5 45.g4 Qh7 46.h5 a6 47.Kh4 Qb1 48.Kg5 Qh7 49.Qf6 Qg8+ 50.Kf4 Qh7 51.h6 Qe4+ 52.Kg5 Qe3+ 53.Qf4 Qd3 54.Qxf7+ Kxe5 55.Qf5+* 1-0 (55) tinymonster (2730)-mostrovski (2731) Blitz 2020*; 7...Bf5 8.0-0-0 Nd7 9.Ne2 Qa5 10.Kb1 0-0-0 11.Nd4 Bg6 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Bg5 Rd7 15.Rhe1 Qb6 16.e6 fxe6 17.Nxe6 Nxe6 18.Rxe6 Ba3 19.Bc1 Rf8 20.Qg4 Kb8 21.Re8+ Rxe8 22.Qxd7 Rf8 23.Re1 a5 24.Qxg7 Qf2 25.bxa3* 1-0 (25) tinymonster (2730)-mostrovski (2731) Blitz 2020*; 7...Nd7 8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.Kb1 Nc5 10.Be3 Na4 11.Bd4 Be6 12.b3 c5 13.bxa4 cxd4 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.Rxd4 a6 16.Bc4 Qb6+ 17.Bb3 Bc5 18.Rd1 Ke7 19.Ne2 Rhc8 20.Nf4 Ba3 21.Nxd5+ Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Qg6 23.Rhf1* 1-0 (23) tinymonster (2705)-mostrovski (2755) Blitz 2020*; 7...Bc5 8.Ne2 Be6 9.Nd4 Bxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Bd3 0-0-0 13.g4 Qa5 14.Kb1 Nb6 15.b3 g6 16.Kb2 Qb4 17.Bd2 Qxd4+ 18.Bc3 Qc5 19.h4 h5 20.g5 d4 21.Bd2 Bd5 22.Qh3+ Kb8 23.Rhf1 a5 24.a4 Ka8 25.Qg3 Rhe8 26.Qe1 Rc8 27.Bxa5 Nd7 28.Bb4 Qb6 29.Bd6 c5 30.Bb5 Rcd8 31.Qg3 Be6 32.Qd3 Rc8 33.Rxf7 Bxf7 34.Bxd7 c4 35.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 36.Rxd4 cxb3 37.cxb3 Be6 38.Bxe8 Rxe8 39.Bc7 Rf8 40.Rd6 Re8 41.b4 Ka7 42.a5 Ka8 43.b5 Ka7 44.Ka3 Ka8 45.Kb4 Ka7 46.Kc5 Bf5 47.Rf6 Re6 48.Rxe6 Bxe6 49.Kd6 Bc4 50.e6 Bxb5 51.Ke7 Ka6 52.Kd8 Bc6 53.e7 Kb5 54.e8Q Bxe8 55.Kxe8 Kc6 56.Kf7 Kd5 57.Kxg6 Kc6 58.Kh7 Kxc7 59.g6 b5 60.g7 b4 61.g8Q Kc6 62.Qb3 Kb5 63.a6 Ka5 64.a7 Kb5 65.a8Q Kb6 66.Qb8+ Ka6 67.Qa2#* 1-0 (67) tinymonster (2703)-AfricanJo (2561) Blitz 2020*)*

8.0-0-0 *(8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Qg3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Nc5 11.Ne2 Nxd3+ 12.cxd3 c5 13.Qf3 Be7 14.Kb1 a5 15.Qg3 0-0-0 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Rhg8 18.d4 c4 19.Rhf1 h6 20.Qe3 Qc7 21.Ka1 Bg4 22.Rd2 Bxe2 23.Rxe2 Rde8*

24.Qf3 Rgf8 25.Qxd5 f6 26.e6 Re7 27.Rfe1 Rd8 28.Qb5 b6 29.g3 Kb7 30.a3 Qc6 31.Qf5 Rd5 32.Qg4 b5 33.Re3 Kb6 34.Kb1 Kb7 35.Qe2 a4 36.Qg4 Kb6 37.Qf4 Kb7 38.g4 Ka7 39.h4 Kb7 40.Qe4 Kc7 41.Ka2 Kb6 42.Qh7 Kc7 43.Rf1 Qd6 44.Rf5 Kb6 45.Qg8 Kb7 46.Qf8 Rxf5 47.gxf5 Kc6 48.h5 Qc7 49.Re2 Kd5 50.Qa8+ Kd6 51.Kb1 Qb7 52.Qd8+ Kc6 53.d5+ Kc5 54.Ka2 Qc7 55.Qxc7+ Rxc7 56.e7 Kxd5 1-0 (56) Lagarde,M (2659)-Arnaud, A (1996) Cappelle la Grande FRA 2020 *)* 8...Qa5 9.Kb1 Nd7 10.Ne2 0-0-0 *(10...d4 11.a3 dxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3 13.Nxc3 Be7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Bc4 Nb6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5 Rfe8 18.Rhf1 Nc4 19.Rd7 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Rad8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Nxe6 Re8 23.Rf4 Rxe6 24.Rxc4 Rxe5 25.Rd4 Re1+ 26.Ka2 Re2 27.Rd7 Rxc2 28.Rxb7 Rxg2 29.Rxa7 Rxh2 30.a4 Rd2 31.a5 h5 32.a6 h4 33.Ra8+ Kh7 34.a7 Rd7 35.Rh8+ Kxh8 36.a8Q+ Kh7 37.Qxc6 Ra7+ 38.Kb3 Ra6 39.Qxa6* 1-0 (39) satlan (2724)-aaryan_varshney (2600) Blitz 2023 *)* 11.Nd4 Re8 *(11...Nb6 12.g3 Kb8 13.Bc1 Na4 14.h4 Qb6 15.b3 c5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Ka1 c4 18.bxa4 Qa5 19.Bh3 Bc5 20.Bxe6 Rhf8 21.Bf4 d4 22.Bxc4 d3 23.Rxd3 Rxd3 24.Qxd3 Rd8 25.e6+ Ka8 26.Qf3 Ba3 27.Rb1* 1-0 (27) ice2breaker (2700)-Buscapina (2553) Blitz 2021 *)* 12.h4 g6 13.c4 Bg7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.c4 Nxe5 17.Qh3+ Kb8 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Qb3 Rd8 20.Bb5 Rhf8 21.Bg3 Ka8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Qxd5 Rd8 24.Rc1 a6 0-1 (24) Rivuza (2731)-Charles-Ingalls (2851) Blitz 2022;

B) 7.Be3 Nd7 8.0-0-0 Nxe5 9.Qg3 Ng6 10.Re1 Be6 11.h4 Bd6 12.Qf2 Qa5 13.h5 Ne5 14.Bd4 Ng4 15.Qf5 0-0-0 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kb8 18.Qxg4 Qxa2 19.Nf3 Rhf8 20.g3 Rde8 21.Kd2 c5 22.Bxg7 Rf7 23.Bd3 d4 24.b3 Re3 25.Be5 Rxe5 26.Nxe5 Rf2+ 27.Ke1 Rg2 28.Qg8+ Kc7 29.Qf7+ Kb6 30.Nc4+ Kc6 31.Qf3+ Kb5 32.Qxb7# 1-0 (32) tinymonster (2718)-mostrovski (2743) Blitz 2020;

C) 7.Qg3 Be6 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Bd3 Qc7 *(9...Qb6 10.Nd4 Nc5 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Kh1 Nxd3 13.cxd3 c5 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.d4 Rg8 16.Qf2 Rd7 17.dxc5 g6 18.Bg5 Qxe5 19.Bf6 Qc7 20.b4 Bg7 21.Rae1 Bxf6 22.Qxf6 Qc6 23.Qd4 f5 24.Re5 Rgd8 25.Rfe1 Qb5 26.h3 Qa4 27.R1e2 Qb5 28.Kh2 Qc6 29.Re6 Qb5 30.R2e5 Qa4 31.Rf6 Qc6 32.Rxc6+ bxc6 33.Re6 Rc7 34.a4 a6 35.b5 axb5 36.axb5 cxb5 37.c6 Kb8 38.Qb6+ Kc8 39.Qa6+ Kb8 40.Qxb5+ Ka8 41.Qa5+ Kb8 42.Re1* 1-0 (42) Aborigen100500 (2719)-GambitsSharpsOther11 (2464) Rapid 2024*)* 10.0-0 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 0-0-0 12.b4 Be7 13.Be3 Kb8 14.Rae1 g6 15.Nd4 Rdf8 16.Bh6 Re8 17.a4 Bf8 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bd2 Bd8 20.a5 h5 21.h3 h4 22.Qf2 g5 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Qd4 Rhf8 25.c4 dxc4 26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Bxc4 Re8 28.Bc3 Nf8 29.Qe4

Qe7 30.Bd2 Bc7 31.Rf1 Nd7 32.Bc3 a6 33.Re1 Qf7 34.Bd4 Rg8 35.Qg4 Nf8 36.Rf1 Qg6 37.Bd3 Qe8 38.Rf6 Qd8 39.Qe4 Qd7 40.Bg1 Qe8 41.Bd4 Qd7 42.c3 Qe8 43.Bc2 Nd7 44.Rf1 Nf8 45.Bb3 Qh5 46.Bd1 Qe8 47.c4 Ka8 48.Bf3 Qd7 49.b5 g4 50.hxg4 axb5 51.cxb5 Bxa5 52.Ra1 b6 53.Bxb6 1-0 (53) Aborigen100500 (2734)-newfisher94 (2355) Rapid 2024]

[6...Bc5 7.Qg3 *(7.Bf4 0-0 8.0-0-0 c6 9.Bd3 Be6 10.Nh3 f5 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.g4 fxg4 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Qg3 g6 15.Bxg6 Kg7 16.Bh5 Bf2 17.Nxe6+ Qxe6 18.Qxf2 Qf5 19.Bxg4 Qxf4+ 20.Qxf4 Rxf4 21.Bc8 Rf7 22.Rhg1+ Kh7 23.Rd3* 1-0 (23) Durarbayli,V (2635)-Goroshkov,M (2265) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 7...Nc6 8.Nf3 g6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.0-0-0 Be6 *(10...Bf5 11.Bb5 Be4 12.Rhe1 Bxf3 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.gxf3 Rd8 15.f4 0-0 16.f5 Qc5 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.e6 fxe6 19.fxg6 Qd6 20.gxh7+ Kh8 21.Re5 Rd7 22.Rde1 Rg7 23.Rxe6 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rxg3 25.Re7 Rg7 26.Rxg7 Kxg7 27.Re7+ Kh8 28.Rxc7 Rf7 29.Rxf7* 1-0 (29) Aborigen100500 (2700)-GroundEffect (2645) Blitz 2022 *)* 11.c4 d4 12.c3 d3 13.Bxd3 Bxg5+ 14.Nxg5 Qe7 15.Be4 Bxc4 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Rhe1 Bxa2 18.Ne4 0-0 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Qh4 Rh8 21.Rd7 Qe6 22.Re3 h6 23.Nh5+ gxh5 24.Rg3+ Kf8 25.Qb4+ Ke8 26.Rxc7 Bd5 27.Qb7 Rd8 28.Rg7 Rf8 29.Qxa7 Rd7 30.Rg3 Rxc7 31.Qxc7 Qd7 32.Qb8+ Ke7 33.Qb4+ Ke6 34.Qf4 Qd8 35.Qxh6+ f6 36.Qxh5 Bb3 37.Qg4+ f5 38.Qb4 Qd1# 0-1 (38) The_Machine04 (2701)-Zayats71 (2669) Blitz 2022]

7.Bf4

[7.Qg3

A) 7...Qe7 8.Nf3 Bf5 *(8...f6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Re8 13.Bd4 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Bd7 15.Rhe1 Be6 16.Re2 c5 17.Bg1 Qc7 18.Rde1 Bd6 19.h3 Rhf8 20.Bh2 Rf5 21.Qd3 Ref8 22.Nf3 Bxh2 23.Rxe6 Bd6 24.Qb5 Qd7 25.Re8+ Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kc7 27.Qa5+ Kc6 28.Re2 a6 29.c4 Bf4+ 30.Kb1 dxc4 31.Re1 Rd5 32.Qa4+ Kb6 33.Qxd7 Rxd7 34.c3 Kc6 35.Kc2 b5 36.Re6+ Bd6 37.Ne5+ Kd5 38.Re8 Bxe5 39.Ra8 Rd6 40.Kd1 Ke4+ 41.Ke2 h5 42.Re8 h4 43.Re7 g5 44.Re8 Kf4 45.Rf8+ Kg3 46.Rf5 Bf4 47.Rxc5 Kxg2 48.b3 cxb3 49.axb3 Kxh3 50.c4 bxc4 51.bxc4 Kg2 52.Ra5 h3 53.c5 Rd2+* 0-1 (53) Aborigen100500 (2708)-Sasha-zlodorev (2511) Rapid 2024 *)* 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 f6 11.0-0 fxe5 12.Ng5 g6 13.Rf7 Qc5+ 14.Be3 d4 15.Ne6 Kxf7 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Rf1+ Kg7 18.cxd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Qxc7+ Kh6 21.Qf4+ Kg7 22.Qf6+ Kh6 23.Rf4 1-0 (23) Aborigen100500 (2720)-Yakimkin,I (2224) Blitz 2021;

B) 7...Bf5 8.Nf3 *(8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 d4 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Bg5 Re8 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 15.Kh1 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re7 17.Rac1 c6 18.b4 Rd7 19.b5 c5 20.Be5 Qd5 21.d4 f6 22.Bb8 Qxd4 23.Bxa7 Bd6 24.Qa3 Qe5 25.g3 Qd5+ 26.Kg1*

c4 27.Qa4 Bc5+ 28.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 29.Rf2 Kb8 30.Rxc4 Qb6 31.Rc3 Rhd8 32.Ra3 Rd4 33.Qa8+ Kc7 34.Rc3+ Kd7 35.Qa3 Re8 36.Kg2 Qxb5 37.Rc5 Qb4 38.Qc1 Re1 39.Rc7+ Kd6 40.Qc2 Qb5 41.Rxg7 Qd5+ 42.Kh3 Qh5+ 43.Kg2 Qd5+ 44.Kh3 Qh5+ 45.Kg2 Qd5+ ½-½ (45) Aborigen100500 (2728)-gANDIm1477 (2686) Rapid 2025*)* 8...Qd7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Bxc2 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 c5 14.Rae1 Qe6 15.b4 d4 16.Bxd4 cxb4 17.cxb4 Bg6 18.Bc3 c5 19.Kh1 Rd8 20.Qf2 Qc4 21.e6 f6 22.Nh4 Bd3 23.Bxf6 Bxf1 24.Bxd8 Kxd8 25.Rxf1 Qxe6 26.bxc5 Be7 27.Nf5 Rf8 28.Qf4 Bxc5 29.Qb8+ Kd7 30.Rd1+ Kc6 31.Nd4+ Bxd4 32.Qxf8 Bf6 33.Rc1+ Kb5 34.Qc5+ Ka4 35.Rc4+ 1-0 (35) ProjecTGM-Sept2024 (2794)-Herushkanamura (2948) Blitz 2023]

7...Be6

[7...h5

A) 8.h3 g5 *(8...Be7 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.Bb5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0-0 12.Ne2 Kb8 13.Ba4 g5 14.Be3 g4 15.Qf2 a6 16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.c4 gxh3 18.cxd5 hxg2 19.Qxg2* 1-0 (19) Takacsbl (2700)-CarlsenNepo21 (2592) Blitz 2021*)* 9.Bh2 Bg7 10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Bc4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Bf4+ 15.Kb1 Qe7 16.Ne2 Bd6 17.Nd4 0-0-0 18.Rb5 c6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qxc6+ Bc7 21.Rf1 Rhe8 22.a4 Qe4 23.Qa6+ Kd7 24.Rxf7+ Re7 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Qxa7 Qe1+ 27.Ka2 Qe6+ 28.b3 Rd7 29.Qc5+ Kf6 30.Qxg5+ Kf7 31.Rf5+ 1-0 (31) satlan (2711)-onenan (2573) Blitz 2023;

B) 8.Qe3 d4 9.cxd4 Qxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxd4 11.0-0-0 Bc5 12.Nf3 Ne6 13.Bd2 Bd7 14.Bc4 b5 15.Bb3 a5 16.a3 a4 17.Ba2 Bc6 18.Rhf1 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Ng5 Bxg2 21.Nxe6 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Be7 23.Nxd8 Bxd8 24.Rg1 0-0 25.Be3 Rf5 26.Bd4 g5 27.Kd2 Kf7 28.Kd3 Ke6 29.Ke4 c5 30.Bc3 b4 31.axb4 cxb4 0-1 (31) Weinzettl,E (2238)-Sanal,V (2551) Lisbon POR 2018;

C) 8.Bb5 Be6 9.Qe3 Be7 10.Nf3 h4 11.h3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Rde8 16.Rhf1 Kb8 17.Qf4 Ne7 18.Bd3 Ng6 19.Qd4 Rh5 20.Be3 b6 21.Bxa6 Rxe5 22.Bf4 Nxf4 23.Qxe5 Nxg2 24.Rde1 Nxe1 25.Rxe1 f6 26.Qf4 Bxh3 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.b3 Qe4 29.Qf2 Bf5 30.Kb2 Qg4 31.Be2 Qg5 32.Qd4 Be4 33.Qa4 Qd2 34.Qe8+ Kb7 35.Bb5 Qxc2+ 36.Ka3 Qxc3 37.Bd7 Qc5+ 38.Kb2 d4 39.Bc8+ Ka7 40.Qd7 Qc3+ 41.Ka3 Qc6 42.Qxd4 Qc5+ 43.Qxc5 bxc5 44.Kb2 f5 45.Be6 h3 46.Bc4 h2 47.Be2 h1Q 48.Bc4 Qg2+ 49.Ka3 Qd2 50.Ka4 Qb4# 0-1 (50) Aborigen100500 (2747)-plevok228 (2631) Rapid 2024]

[7...Qh4+ 8.g3 Qg4 9.Qxd5 Be6 10.Qd1 Be7 11.Be2 Qg6 12.Nf3 *(12.Bd3 Bf5 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Bxd3 15.cxd3 Qe6 16.Kb1 g5 17.Bc1 Qxe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5 19.d4 h5 20.Rf1 Nd3 21.Bd2 h4 22.gxh4*

Rxh4 23.Rxf7 Re4 24.Nf3 g4 25.Kc2 Nxb2 26.Kxb2 gxf3 27.Rxf3 Re2 28.Kc1 c5 29.Re3 Rxe3 30.Bxe3 Rh8 31.dxc5 Rh3 32.Bd4 Bg5+ 33.Kc2 Bf4 34.Rf1 Bxh2 35.Rf7 a6 36.Kb3 Bc7 37.Kc4 Rh5 38.Rf6 Kd7 39.Rf7+ Kc6 40.Rf6+ Kd7 41.Rg6 Rf5 42.a4 Rh5 43.Rg1 Kc6 44.Rg6+ ½-½ (44) Ponkratov,P (2641)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2782) Warsaw POL 2021*)* 12...Rd8 13.Qc1 Qe4 14.Qe3 Qxc2 15.0-0 Qxb2 16.Rab1 Qa3 17.Kg2 Bc5 18.Qe4 Bb6 19.Ng5 Bd5 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 21.Bc4 Rd7 22.e6 fxe6 23.Nxe6 Qxc3 24.Bb3 Nd4 25.Rbe1 Nxe6 26.Bxe6 Re7 27.Bg5 Qc6+ 0-1 (27) Rivuza (2740)-SutorminDA (2612) Blitz 2021]

[7...Bf5 8.0-0-0

A) 8...Be4 9.Qg3 Qd7 10.Nf3 *(10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Rxd3 0-0-0 12.Nf3 h6 13.h4 Qf5 14.Rhd1 Qe6 15.c4 dxc4 16.Rxd8+ Nxd8 17.Nd4 Qa6 18.e6 Qxa2 19.Bxc7 Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Bb4+ 21.Ke2 Qa6 22.c3 Nxe6 23.Be5 Nxd4+ 24.Rxd4 Re8 25.Qg4+ Qe6 26.Rxc4+ Kd7 27.Rc7+ Kd8 28.Qd4+ Bd6 29.Rc5 Ke7 30.Qxd6+ Qxd6 31.Bxd6+ Kxd6+ 32.Kd3 Kxc5 33.b4+ Kd6 34.Kd4 b5 35.c4 bxc4 36.Kxc4 Re4+ 37.Kb5 Rxh4 38.Ka6 Rg4 39.b5 Rxg2 40.Kxa7 Rb2 41.b6 f5 42.b7 f4 43.b8Q+ Rxb8 44.Kxb8 f3* 0-1 (44) Kiril12345 (2704)-hajeko (2501) Rapid 2023*)* 10...0-0-0 11.Ng5 Bg6 12.Be2 Kb8 13.Rhf1 h6 14.Nf3 Bc5 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb6 17.c3 Qa4 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qxa2 20.Kc2 Qa4+ 21.Kb1 Qd7 22.Rf3 Rhf8 23.Bg3 Qe6 24.Rdf1 c5 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxf7 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rc8 28.Qf5 Qc6 29.e6+ Ka8 30.Bf4 Qa4 31.Qd3 Bxd4 32.e7 Qb4 33.Qc2 Re8 34.Bd2 Qd6 35.Qa4 Qg6+ 36.Ka2 Qxf7 37.Bb4 Bf6 38.Bc5 a6 39.Qd7 Bxe7 40.Qc7 Qe6 41.Bd4 Qc6 42.Qe5 Qc4+ 43.b3 Qc6 44.Bb2 Bf6 45.Qf5 Re2 46.Qf3 Rxb2+ 0-1 (46) Aborigen100500 (2705)-SMBUzhaoxue (2561) Blitz 2022;

B) 8...Qd7 9.Rxd5 Qe6 10.Bc4 Qg6 11.Rd2 Be7 12.Ne2 Be4 13.Qe3 Qxg2 14.Rg1 Qf3 15.Qxf3 Bxf3 16.Rxg7 Bh5 17.e6 Bf6 18.Rxf7 Bxf7 19.exf7+ Ke7 20.Bxc7 Be5 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Bd5 Rad8 23.Nf4 Nxf7 24.Re2+ Kf6 25.Rf2 Ke7 26.c4 Ne5 27.Re2 Kf6 28.Ne6 Rd6 29.Rf2+ Ke7 30.Nd4 Rf6 31.Re2 Kd6 32.Nb5+ Kc5 33.Rxe5 Rf1+ 34.Kd2 Rf2+ 35.Kc3 Rxh2 36.b4+ Kb6 37.Re6# 1-0 (37) Aborigen100500 (2712)-Consent_to_treatment (2715) Blitz 2022]

[7...Be7 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.c4 *(9.Qg3 g5 10.Be3 h5 11.Nf3 h4 12.Qf2 g4 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 c6 15.Bd3 Qa5 16.Kb1 c5 17.Be3 d4 18.Bd2 Qxa2+ 19.Kc1 Qa1#* 0-1 (19) Artusha29 (2700)-vochmek_chimana (2697) Blitz 2022*)* 9...d4 10.c3 Bg5 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 Qxd4 13.Bxg5 Bxc4 14.Ne2 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qa5 16.Qe4+ Be6 17.Nc3 0-0-0 18.Bc4 Rhe8 19.Bxe6+ Rxe6 20.Qc2 Rde8 21.Bd2 Qa6 22.a3 Qc6 23.Rg1 b6 24.Kb1 Kb7 25.Bf4 h6 26.Rc1 R8e7 27.a4 g5 28.Bg3 Re3 29.Nb5 Qxc2+ 30.Rxc2 c6

31.Nd6+ Ka6 32.Nf5 Re1+ 33.Bxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Ka2 Re4 35.b3 h5 36.Rxc6 Re2+ 37.Ka3 Rxg2 38.h4 gxh4 39.Nxh4 Rg4 40.Rc4 b5 41.Rb4 bxa4 42.Kxa4 Rxb4+ 43.Kxb4 Kb6 44.Kc4 Kc6 45.Nf5 f6 46.b4 Kb6 47.Kc3 a5 48.bxa5+ Kxa5 49.Kd4 Kb5 50.Kd5 Kb4 51.Ke6 Kc3 52.Nh4 Kd3 53.Kxf6 Ke4 54.Kg5 Ke5 55.Kxh5 ½-½ (55) Takacsbl (2703)-mazetofonias (2686) Blitz 2021]

8.Bb5

[8.0-0-0

A) 8...Qe7 9.Bb5 Qc5 10.Ba4 0-0-0 11.Ne2 Na5 *(11...Qa5 12.Bb3 Bc5 13.Kb1 d4 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxe6+ fxe6 16.Qb3 Rd5 17.c3 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Nf4 Re4 20.g3 g5 21.Nd3 Rd8 22.Nc1 Qf5 23.Ka1 Qf3 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Qd1 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Nc6 27.Kb1 Ne5 28.Kc2 h5 29.Rf1 h4 30.Rf8+ Kd7 31.Rg8 hxg3 32.hxg3 Rg4 33.Ne2 Kd6 34.b3 b5 35.Kd2 Re4 36.Kd1 g4 37.Rd8+ Ke7 38.Rc8 Kd7 39.Rg8 Re3 40.Rg7+ Kd6 41.Kd2 Rf3 42.Rg8 Rd3+ 43.Kc2 Re3 44.Kd2 Rd3+ 45.Ke1 Re3 46.Rg7 a5 47.Rg8 a4 48.Ra8 axb3 49.Ra6+ c6 50.axb3 Rf3 51.Ra8 Nd3+ 52.Kd2 Nc5 53.Rd8+ Ke7 54.Rh8 Ne4+ 55.Kc2 Rf2 56.Kd3 Nf6 57.Nd4 Rf3+ 58.Kc2 Re3 59.Nxc6+ Kd6 60.Nd4 Ne4 61.Rd8+ Ke7 62.Nc6+* 1-0 (62) Aborigen100500 (2727)-Manofsteel3559 (2440) Rapid 2023 *)* 12.b4 Qc4 13.Bb3 Nxb3+ 14.axb3 Qa6 15.Kb2 h5 16.h3 Kb8 17.Ra1 Qc6 18.Qf2 a6 19.Nd4 Qb6 20.Be3 c5 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.bxc5 Be7 23.Rhf1 Rhf8 24.Qf3 g6 25.Bh6 Rfe8 26.Qxf7 Bxc5 27.Rae1 d4 28.Bd2 Qc6 29.e6 Qxg2 30.Bf4+ Ka8 31.cxd4 Bxd4+ 32.Kb1 Rc8 33.Rc1 Qxh3 34.Bd2 Qxe6 35.Qf3 Qd6 36.Qd3 Rcd8 37.Rcd1 Qa3 38.Bc3 Bxc3 39.Qxc3 Qe7 40.Rc1 Rc8 41.Qf3 Rc6 42.Rg1 Re6 43.Rg5 Qxg5 44.Rd1 Qf5 45.Rd7 Qxf3 0-1 (45) gmluke (2789)-notkevich (2768) Blitz 2024;

B) 8...Qc8 9.h3 Be7 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Ne2 Rb8 13.Nd4 Qb7 14.b3 Ba3+ 15.Kb1 Bc5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4 Kd7 18.Qxg7+ Be7 19.Bg5 Rhe8 20.Rhf1 Qb5 21.Rf7 Qc5 22.Rdf1 h5 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Rxe7+ 1-0 (24) tinymonster (2763)-Parwis (2603) Blitz 2022;

C) 8...Qd7

C1) 9.Qg3

C1a) 9...a6 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.h4 h6 12.Bd3 *(12.h5 Bc5 13.Kb1 Rhg8 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.Nd4 Nf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.e6 Bd6 19.e7 Bxe7 20.Bxc7 Rd7 21.Be5 Qg5 22.Rhf1 Qxg3 23.Bxg3 Bg5 24.Rf5 Re8 25.a4 Re2 26.Rf2 Re4 27.b3 Bf6 28.Rd3 Rde7 29.Rff3 d4 30.cxd4 Bxd4 31.Ka2 b6 32.b4 Kb7 33.Kb3 Bf6 34.Bf4 Re2 35.g3 Re1 36.Rfe3 Rb1+ 37.Ka3 Rxe3 38.Rxe3 b5 39.axb5 axb5 40.Rd3 Rh1 41.Rd5 Kc6 42.Rc5+ Kb6 43.Bc7+ Ka6 44.Bf4 Rf1 45.c3 Rf3 46.Kb3 Rf1 47.Rc6+ Kb7 48.Rc5 Kb6 49.Be3 Ka6 50.Rc6+*

Kb7 51.Rb6+ Ka8 52.Rxb5 Rf3 53.Ra5+ Kb7 54.Rb5+ Ka8 55.Ra5+ Kb7 56.Rb5+ Ka8 ½-½ (56) Lagarde,M (2638)-Deac,B (2625) chess.com INT 2021*)* 12...Kb8 13.Kb1 g6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Rhf1 Rc8 18.Bc1 Rc6 19.Rf4 h5 20.Rdf1 Rhc8 21.Rxf7 Bxf7 22.e6+ Qc7 23.Bf4 Bd6 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.Qxd6+ Rxd6 26.exf7 Rf8 27.c4 Kc7 28.Kc2 Kd7 29.cxd5 Ke7 30.Be4 Rxf7 31.Bf3 Rf4 32.Rh1 Rxf3 33.gxf3 Rxd5 34.Re1+ Kf6 35.Re4 g5 36.hxg5+ Kxg5 37.Re7 b5 38.b4 Kf4 39.Re6 h4 40.Rxa6 Kxf3 41.a4 bxa4 42.Rxa4 h3 43.Ra8 Kg4 44.Ra1 h2 45.Kc3 Kg3 46.Kc4 Rf5 47.b5 Rf4+ 48.Kc5 Kg2 49.b6 Rf5+ 50.Kd6 Rf1 51.Ra2+ Rf2 52.Ra1 Rf1 53.Ra2+ Rf2 54.Ra1 Rf1 ½-½ (54) Lagarde, M (2648)-Nihal,S (2620) Biel SUI 2021;

C1b) 9...0-0-0 10.Nf3 Be7 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 13.Nd4 Qa4 14.Kb1 g5 15.Bc1 c5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Rhf1 Rdf8 18.Bxg5 Rxf1 19.Rxf1 Rg8 20.h4 Qe4 21.Qh3 Kd7 22.b3 Qxe5 23.Kb2 Rf8 24.Rxf8 Bxf8 25.Qf3 Qf5 26.Qxf5 exf5 27.c4 Bg7+ 28.Kc1 dxc4 29.bxc4 b5 30.cxb5 axb5 31.c4 bxc4 32.Kc2 Kc6 33.Bd2 Kb5 34.Bc3 Bd4 35.h5 Ka4 36.Bb2 Kb4 37.Bc1 c3 38.Bf4 Ka3 39.Bg3 Kxa2 40.Be1 Ka3 41.Bxc3 Bg1 42.Bd2 Ka4 43.Kd3 Kb3 44.Ke2 c4 45.Kf3 Kc2 46.Bb4 Kd3 47.g4 fxg4+ 48.Kxg4 Be3 49.Kf3 Bd2 50.Ba3 c3 51.Kf2 c2 52.Kf3 Bh6 53.Kf2 Kd2 54.Kf3 Kd1 55.Ke4 Bc1 56.Bc5 Ke2 57.Bd6 Bb2 58.Bf4 c1Q 59.Bxc1 Bxc1 60.Kf5 Kf3 61.Ke5 h6 62.Kd4 Bg5 63.Kd3 Kf2 64.Ke4 Ke2 65.Kd4 Bf4 66.Ke4 Be3 67.Kd5 Kf3 68.Kc4 Ke4 69.Kc3 Bg5 70.Kc2 Ke3 71.Kd1 Bh4 72.Kc2 Be1 73.Kd1 Ba5 74.Kc2 Ke2 75.Kc1 Bb4 76.Kc2 Bd2 77.Kb1 Be3 78.Kc2 Bg5 79.Kb1 Bf4 80.Kc2 Be3 81.Kb1 Bd4 82.Kc2 Bb6 83.Kc1 Be3+ 84.Kc2 Bf4 85.Kb1 Kf3 86.Kc2 Kg4 87.Kd3 Kxh5 88.Ke2 Kg4 89.Kf1 Kf3 90.Kg1 h5 91.Kh1 h4 92.Kg1 h3 93.Kh1 h2 ½-½ (93) Lagarde,M (2655)-Firouzja,A (2728) Europe-Echecs INT 2020;

C2) 9.c4 d4 10.Ne2 0-0-0 11.Qd3 Bc5 12.Ng3 h6 13.h4 Bg4 14.Be2 Nb4 15.Qb3 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 d3 17.cxd3 Nxd3+ 18.Kb1 Qf5 19.Qc2 Qh7 20.Bg3 Rhe8 21.Nf4 Rd4 22.Rxd3 Re4 23.a3 Qf5 24.Nd5 Rg4 25.Rf3 Qe6 26.Rhf1 c6 27.Nf4 Qxe5 28.Nd3 Qe7 29.Nxc5 Qxc5 30.Be1 Rxc4 31.Qf5+ Qxf5+ 32.Rxf5 f6 33.h5 Rg4 34.g3 Re2 35.Bf2

Rge4 36.Bxa7 Rg2 37.Bb6 Rxg3 38.Rd1 Re8 39.Ra5 Kb8 40.Rd7 Rb3 41.Bc7+ Kc8 42.Rxg7 1-0 (42) javoue06 (2732)-Fantastic_power06 (2793) Blitz 2022;

D) 8...g5 9.Bg3

D1) 9...Bg7 10.Bb5 *(10.Bc4 Ne7 11.Ne2 c6 12.Nd4 Qc8 13.Be2 h5 14.h4 g4 15.Qf2 Nf5 16.Bd3 Bh6+ 17.Bf4 Bxf4+ 18.Qxf4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qd7 20.Qf6 Rg8 21.Rdf1 Qe7 22.Kd2 Kd7 23.Ke3 g3 24.Qxe7+ Kxe7 25.Rf6 c5 26.c3 Rac8 27.Rh6 Rh8 28.Rxh8 Rxh8 29.dxc5 Rg8 30.Rf1 Rg4 31.Rf4 Rg8 32.Be2 Bh3 33.Bf3 Ke6 34.Kd4 Bf5 35.Bxd5+* 1-0 (35) Aborigen100500 (2730)-dont_blunder (2834) Blitz 2022*)* 10...h5 *(10...a6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Qe3 h6 15.h4 g4 16.Bf4 Kh7 17.Rhf1 c5 18.Nb3 c4 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.h5 c6 21.Rf2 Qh4 22.Rdf1 Qxh5 23.g3 Rae8 24.Rg2 Rh8 25.Rgg1 Qg6 26.a3 a5 27.Nb7 h5 28.Nd6 Re7 29.Rg2 Kg8 30.Rgf2 h4 31.gxh4 Rxh4 32.Bg3 Rh3 33.Kb1 Bh6 34.Rf4 Bd7 35.Qf2 Bxf4 36.Qxf4 Be6 37.Rg1 Qh6 38.Qf1 c5 39.Bf2 Rf3 40.Qe2 Qh2 41.Qxf3 Qxg1+ 42.Bxg1 gxf3 43.Bxc5 Bh3 44.b4 cxb3 45.cxb3 Rxe5 46.b4 axb4 47.axb4 Re2 48.b5 Bd7 49.b6 Bc6 50.b7 Bxb7 51.Nxb7 f2 52.Bxf2 Rxf2 53.Na5 f5 54.Nc6 Kf7 55.Kc1 f4 56.Kd1 Kf6 57.Ke1 Rc2 58.Nb4 Rh2 59.Nxd5+ Ke5 60.Ne7 Ke4 61.c4 f3 62.c5 Re2+ 63.Kf1 Rc2 64.c6 Rc1+ 65.Kf2 Rc2+ 66.Kf1 f2 67.c7 Rxc7 68.Ng6 Ke3 69.Ne5 Rc1+ 70.Kg2 f1Q+ 71.Kg3 Qf4+ 72.Kh3 Qxe5 73.Kg2 Qg5+ 74.Kh3 Rh1#* 0-1 (74) littleplotkin (2773)-RebeccaHarris (2872) Blitz 2021 *)* 11.h3 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Ne2 c5 14.c4 c6 15.Nc3 g4 16.Qf2 Rb8 17.Qxc5 Bh6+ 18.Kb1 Qb6 19.Qxb6 Rxb6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 0-0 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Rxh6 Rxh6 25.b4 Rc8 26.Rd4 Rg6 27.Kb2 Kh7 28.Bf4 Rgc6 29.Kb3 Rc3+ 30.Ka4 Rxc2 31.a3 Rxg2 32.Ka5 Rc3 33.a4 Rc6 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 Ra2+ 36.Kb4 Rb2+ 37.Ka4 Rc8 38.Rd6 Ra8+ 39.Ra6 Ra2+ 0-1 (39) VladimirMarkovic (2775)-BENED7707 (2739) Blitz 2023;

D2) 9...Qd7 10.Qf6 Rg8 11.Nf3 Rg6 12.Qh8 0-0-0 13.Qxh7 Bg7 14.Bd3 Rh8 15.Bxg6 Rxh7 16.Bxh7 g4 17.Nd4 Nxe5 18.Kb1 Nc4 19.Bd3 b6 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Rhe1 Qf6 23.Re8+ Kb7 24.Rd7 Qf1+ 25.Re1 Qxg2 26.Rxc7+ Ka6 27.a4 Bf8 28.Rxf7 Bc5 29.Rd1 Qe4 30.Rdd7 b5 31.Rf6+ Bb6 32.axb5+ Kxb5 33.Rf4 Qh1+ 34.Ka2 Qc6 35.Rdf7 Ka6 36.Rxg4 Qa4+ 37.Kb1 Qe8 38.Rff4 Qe2 39.Rxc4 Qd1+ 40.Ka2 Qxc2 41.Ra4+ Kb7 42.Rg7+ Kc6 43.Rb4 Qf5 44.Re7 Qd5+ 45.Kb1 Qd1+ 46.Ka2 Qd5+ 47.c4 Qa5+

48.Kb3 Qg5 49.Re6+ Kd7 50.Re2 Qg4 51.Rd2+ Kc8 52.Rd3 Kb7 53.Rc3 Qd4 54.c5 Qd5+ 55.Rcc4 Qd3+ 56.Ka2 Qd1 57.cxb6 Qa4+ 58.Rxa4 axb6 59.Rab4 b5 60.Rc6 Kxc6 61.Rxb5 Kxb5 62.b3 Kb4 63.Kb2 Kb5 64.Kc2 Kc6 65.Kc3 Kd5 66.b4 Kc6 67.Kb2 Kb7 ½-½ (67) Artoo (2793)-Fantastic_power06 (2630) Blitz 2021]

8...g5

[8...a6 9.Bd3 Qd7 10.Qg3 Ne7 11.Nf3 Nf5 12.Qf2 b6 13.g4 Bc5 14.Qe2 Nh6 15.h3 Qa4 16.Qd2 Ng8 17.b3 Qd7 18.0-0-0 Ne7 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.cxd4 c5 21.c3 Nc6 22.Be3 c4 23.Bc2 cxb3 24.axb3 a5 25.Kb2 b5 26.Ra1 b4 27.Bd3 bxc3+ 28.Qxc3 Qb7 29.Qc5 Nb4 30.Bb5+ Bd7 31.Bxd7+ Qxd7 32.Qxb4 axb4 33.Rxa8+ Ke7 34.Rxh8 Qb5 35.Bg5+ f6 36.exf6+ gxf6 37.Re1+ Kf7 38.Bd2 Qd3 39.Kc1 Qxb3 40.Rxh7+ Kg6 41.Rh6+ Kf7 42.Rh7+ Kg6 43.Rc7 Qa3+ 44.Kd1 Qf3+ 45.Re2 Qb3+ 46.Ke1 Qg3+ 47.Rf2 Qxc7 48.h4 b3 49.h5+ Kg7 50.h6+ Kg6 51.Ke2 Qc4+ 52.Ke3 b2 53.h7 Kxh7 54.Rh2+ Kg6 55.Rh1 Qc2 56.g5 b1Q 57.Rh6+ Kg7 58.gxf6+ Kf7 59.Rh7+ Qxh7 60.Kf4 Qbe4+ 61.Kg5 Qhf5+ 62.Kh6 Qg6# 0-1 (62) Art29 (2739)-doreality (2768) Blitz 2021]

[8...h6 9.0-0-0 a6 10.Bc4 Ne7 11.Ne2 b5 12.Bb3 c5 13.c4 bxc4 14.Ba4+ Bd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qe5 Rh7 18.Nc3 Rf7 19.Qxe6 Bxa4 20.Nxd5 Bd7 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 22.Qxf6 Qa5 23.Rhe1 Qxa2 24.Qxg6+ Kd8 25.Qb6+ Ke8 26.Rxd7 1-0 (26) satlan (2704)-JelenaZ (2595) Blitz 2023]

9.Bg3 h5 10.h4 g4 11.Qf2 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.0-0-0 Bg7 14.Qc5 Qd7 15.Ne2 Rb8 16.Kb1 Rb5 17.Qa3 Rb6 18.Bf2 Rb8 19.Bd4 Bf8 20.Bc5 Bxc5 21.Qxc5 Rb5 22.Qa3 Rb6 23.c4 Qe7 24.Qe3 0-0 25.Qh6 Rfb8 26.b3 dxc4 27.Nf4 cxb3 28.Nxh5 bxa2+ 29.Ka1 Rb1+ 30.Rxb1 axb1Q+ 31.Rxb1 Qa3# 0-1 (31) Ilikeknightmost (2868)-Secret_Spion (2846) Blitz 2024

53 **6...c5** Tony Kosten: '!' 7.d4 Tony Kosten: '?!' Tony Kosten: 'is Lau,F-Kardoeus,D, both in the PGN Archive.'

[7.Ne2 Mikhalevski,V: 'with the idea of 8.Nf4 looks interesting, but Black seems to equalise by means of with the idea of 8.Nf4 looks interesting, but Black seems to equalise by means of' Nc6 *(7...Be7 8.Nf4 0-0 9.Qxd5 Nc6 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.e6 fxe6 12.Bc4 Bh4+ 13.g3 Bf6=)* 8.d4 Be6 9.g3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Qa4 11.Rb1 Qxc2 12.Rxb7 Be7 13.c4 Rd8 14.Bg2 0-0 15.Qb3 ½-½ (15) Play_Late_No_Sleep33 (2862)-DrawDenied_Twitch (2843) Rapid 2021]

[7.Bb5+ Tony Kosten: 'Dubov, D-Tomashevsky,E, and' Nc6 *(7...Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.0-0 h6 11.Qg3 0-0-0 12.d3 g5 13.Nf2 Qe6 14.Ng4 h5 15.Nf6 g4 16.Bf4 Be7 17.Rae1 b6 18.Qe3 h4 19.d4 h3 20.g3 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nxd4 22.Kh1 Bc5 23.Qd3 Kb7 24.c3 Nf3 25.Rb1 d4 26.Nxg4 Nd2 27.Bxd2 Qxg4 28.Rxf7+ Ka8 29.c4 Rhe8 30.Bf4 Rd7 31.Qe4+* 1-0 (31) littleplotkin

(2722)-kaka66 (2835) Blitz 2021 *)*

A) 8.Ne2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qg3 *(10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.d4 Rb8 12.Qg3 Kh8 13.Nf4 Bh4 14.Qf3 Bf5 15.Ba3 Bxc2 16.Bxc5 Re8 17.Qh3 Be4 18.e6 fxe6 19.Nxe6 Qd7 20.Qxh4 Qxe6 21.Rf2 a5 22.Raf1 h6 23.Qg3 Rb7 24.h3 a4 25.Bd6 Kh7 26.Be5 Qg6 27.Qxg6+ Kxg6 28.a3 h5 29.Kh2 h4 30.Rf4 Kh5 31.Rg4 g5 32.Rf6 Ree7 33.Rf8 Rb2 34.Bf6 Re6 35.Rxg5+ Kh6 36.Rh8+ Bh7 37.Rg4 Rxf6 38.Rxh4+ Kg5 39.R4xh7 Rf1 40.Rg7+ Kf6 41.Rg3 Ra1 42.Rh6+ Kf5 43.Rxc6 Rbb1 44.Rf3+ Ke4 45.Re6#* 1-0 (45) Felix_Kuznetsov (2718)-mostrovski (2605) Blitz 2023 *)* 10...Bh4 11.Qf4 Bg5 12.Qg3 d4 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.d3 Bxc1 15.Raxc1 dxc3 16.Kh1 Qa5 17.Nf4 Kh8 18.Nh5 Rg8 19.Rxf7 Qxa2 20.Rxg7 Bf5 21.e6 Qxe6 22.Re1 Qh6 23.Rxg8+ Rxg8 24.Qe5+ 1-0 (24) GunayMammadzadza (2723)-Viktor_Solovyov (2704) Blitz 2022;

B) 8.Qg3

B1) 8...a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nf3 h6 11.0-0 Be6 12.d3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qa4 14.Qf2 Qxc2 15.Rab1 Qxd3 16.Rb7 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Ne1 Qg6 19.Qxd4 Rd8 20.Qc3 Bd5 21.e6 fxe6 22.Nf3 Be7 23.Rxe7+ Kxe7 24.Qc5+ Ke8 25.Bb4 Rd7 26.Nh4 Qf6 27.Rxf6 gxf6 28.Ng6 Rg8 29.Nf4 Kf7 30.Qc2 e5 31.Qf5 Rb7 32.Nxd5 cxd5 33.Bd2 Rg6 34.h4 h5 35.a3 d4 36.Bb4 a5 37.Qe4 Ra7 38.Qd5+ Kg7 39.Bc5 Rc7 40.Kh2 d3 41.Bb6 Rc2 42.Qd7+ Kh8 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Qd7+ Kh8 45.Qxd3 Rgxg2+ 46.Kh3 Rh2+ 47.Kg3 Rcg2+ 48.Kf3 Rh3+ 49.Kxg2 Rxd3 50.Bxa5 Rxa3 51.Bd8 Ra4 52.Bxf6+ Kh7 53.Bxe5 Kg6 54.Bg3 Rxh4 55.Kf3 Kf5 56.Bxh4 Kg6 57.Bf2 Kf5 58.Kg3 h4+ 59.Kh3 Kg6 60.Be1 Kf5 61.Bd2 Kg6 62.Bc3 Kf5 63.Bd4 Kg6 64.Bf2 Kf5 65.Bg1 Kg6 66.Bh2 Kf5 67.Bd6 Kg6 68.Bf8 Kf5 69.Bc5 Kg6 70.Be3 Kf5 71.Bd2 Kg6 72.Be1 Kf5 73.Bf2 Kg6 74.Bc5 Kf5 75.Bb6 Kg6 76.Bc7 Kf5 77.Bd6 Kg6 78.Bc5 Kf5 79.Bd4 Kg6 80.Kg4 h3 81.Be5 h2 82.Bg3 h1Q 83.Bf2 Qg2+ 84.Bg3 ½-½ (84) kira523 (2841)-NoRolex (2833) Blitz 2022;

B2) 8...Bf5 9.Nf3 Bxc2 10.0-0 Bg6 11.e6 fxe6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxc6 Qxg3 14.Ne5+ Ke7 15.hxg3 c4 16.Ba3+ 1-0 (16) smihir6 (2712)-bulletnik (2843) Blitz 2024;

B3) 8...Qb6 Earlier this move was tested by Jan Timman and two lesser-known players. Earlier this move was tested by Jan Timman and two lesser-known players.

B3a) 9.a4! is more challenging. Be6 Seul,G (2401)-Timman,J (2575) Germany 2018. Now Seul,G (2401)-Timman,J (2575) Germany 2018. Now *(*After *9...a6 10.Bxc6+ Qxc6* in Tofte,S (2192)-Nilsen,J (2371) Norway 2015, White

could set problems by means of in Tofte,S (2192)-Nilsen,J (2371) Norway 2015, White could set problems by means of *11.Ne2! Qg6 12.Nf4 Qe4+ 13.Kd1!±*) 10.Nf3! *(*The game saw *10.Ne2* , which can be answered by , which can be answered by *h5! 11.h4 0-0-0* and Black is doing fine.*)* 10...0-0-0 Neil McDonald: 'White drops a pawn after' 11.0-0 Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'an important move to give the black pieces access to the dark squares.' h6 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 13.d4 Kb8 14.Be3 promised White some edge.;

B3b) 9.Rb1?! An inaccuracy. It was unnecessary to pin his own bishop. An inaccuracy. It was unnecessary to pin his own bishop . 9...Be6 Black prepares long castling. 10.Nf3 *(* White could get rid of the light-squared bishop before the pin gets real, but even then Black's position is already preferable. White could get rid of the light-squared bishop before the pin gets real, but even then Black's position is already preferable. *10.Bxc6+!? Qxc6 11.d3* Neil McDonald: 'with complications.'Neil McDonald: 'Or' *11...Be7 12.Ne2* Neil McDonald: 'Here's another French style structure in which a strong Grandmaster got a miserable position as White:' *12...g5! 13.0-0 0-0-0∓)* 10...0-0-0∓ Now the threat of 11...a6 is real. While the king was on e8 White could answer it with Bxc6+. Now the threat of 11... a6 is real. While the king was on e8 White could answer it with Bxc6+. Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Making full use of the centre square that White has abandoned. The knight heads to f5 to alleviate the pressure on g7, which allows Black to develop his bishop from f8 without allowing Qxg7.'

B3b1) Neil McDonald: 'Another way for White to pursue his attack was' 11.a4!? was a clever defence against 11...a6, but after was a clever defence against 11...a6, but after

B3b11) In case of 11...a6 White has 12.a5! Qc7! *(12...Qxa5? 13.Bxc6* Neil McDonald: 'not' *13...bxc6* Neil McDonald: '?' *14.0-0±* is dangerous for Black.*; 12...Nxa5??* is a blunder. Neil McDonald: '!?' *13.Bd7++-)* 13.Bxc6 Neil McDonald: 'when the f7 point is very vulnerable. ' Neil McDonald: 'Perhaps he should play' 13...Qxc6 Neil McDonald: '!?' Neil McDonald: 'first.' Neil McDonald: 'Instead' 14.0-0 Neil McDonald: '!?'

Neil McDonald: 'strengthening his clump of pawns on the queenside looks at least equal for Black after' h6 15.d4 and the chances are equal. and the chances are equal.;

B3b12) 11...Kb8! Black renews the threat of 12...a6 and retains the upper hand. Black renews the threat of 12...a6 and retains the upper hand. 12.Rb2! h6 13.0-0 g5! 14.d4 Ka8! and Black is better. and Black is better.;

B3b2) 11.Rb2 White protects the rook in order to save the light-squared bishop. White protects the rook in order to save the light-squared bishop. 11...h6! 12.0-0 Qc7! Black proves his superiority with two precise moves. His idea is to proceed with 13...g5 and 14...Bg7. the knight can also come to e7 leaving the bishop on b5 useless. Black proves his superiority with two precise moves. His idea is to proceed with 13...g5 and 14...Bg7. the knight can also come to e7 leaving the bishop on b5 useless. Neil McDonald: '!?' Neil McDonald: 'Ding Liren looks for counterplay on the queenside. It was also possible to meet White's kingside advance head on by arranging f7-f6 e.g.' 13.Bxc6 Sooner or later this move was necessary. Sooner or later this move was necessary. Qxc6∓ Now Black has the bishop pair and a better pawn structure. Now Black has the bishop pair and a better pawn structure. Neil McDonald: '?!' 14.d3 Be7!? *(Black could also start with 14...g5!?∓)* 15.Rb3 *(15.Nh4 g6!∓* is also clearly better for Black. *)* 15...g5! 16.Qf2 White is planning to play 17.a4. So, it would make sense to prevent this idea. White is planning to play 17.a4. So, it would make sense to prevent this idea. Neil McDonald: 'Black's position looks very active, but the white pieces can be brought to life with d2-d3 etc. when the bishop pair will finally wake up. Therefore Ding Liren decides to force an immediate crisis before White can strengthen his game.' Rd7 *(16...b6!* Now *17.a4* makes no sense as after *Qxa4 18.Ra3* Neil McDonald: 'The position is unclear after' *18...Qd7∓* Black protects the a7-pawn. That's why 16...b6 would be more precise than the text. Black protects the a7-pawn. That's why 16...b6 would be

more precise than the text.*)* 17.a4! Neil McDonald: 'Instead White could build up kingside pressure with' Kb8 Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Now Black gains counterplay.' 18.a5 Rc8 Black consolidates his position on the queenside. Black consolidates his position on the queenside. 19.Bd2 *(19.Ra3* is more accurate, as it keeps the a-pawn. is more accurate, as it keeps the a-pawn. Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'threatening mate when he has to give up a rook with'*)* 19...Qa4! Now Black wins the a5-pawn. 20.Rfb1 Qxa5 21.Rb5 Qd8 *(* Both *21...Qa4;* and *21...Qa6* also leads to a big advantage.*)* 22.Be3 Rdc7 23.Nd2 Dubov wants to put more pressure on c5 by means of 24.Nb3, but Black has an easy way to prepare for this idea. Dubov wants to put more pressure on c5 by means of 24.Nb3, but Black has an easy way to prepare for this idea. b6! 24.Nf1 The knight is changing its route. Now it's heading to f5 via g3. The knight is changing its route. Now it's heading to f5 via g3. *(*Now *24.Nb3?* runs into Neil McDonald: 'etc.' Neil McDonald: 'Hopeless for Black is' *24...Bd7-+)* 24...Rb7 *(24...Qd7! 25.d4 Ka8!-+* looks more natural. looks more natural.*)* 25.Ng3 *(25.d4 c4 26.Ng3 Qd7 27.Nh5 Ba3! 28.Nf6 Qc6* with the idea of 29...a6 also wins for Black. with the idea of 29...a6 also wins for Black. *)* 25...Qd7 *(25...f6!-+* is another strong continuation. is another strong continuation. Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'Now the passed pawn costs Black a rook, after which White will win the endgame for example'*)* 26.Nh5 Qc6 27.R5b2 Qc7 *(27...a5!-+* preparing an advance of the a and b-pawns was strong. preparing an advance of the a and b-pawns was strong. *)*

B3b21) 28.Qe2! would put up more resistance, but hardly change the outcome. would put up more resistance, but hardly change the outcome. Neil McDonald: 'etc.' Ka8 Neil McDonald: '!' *(* Of course not *28...Qxe5?? 29.Bf4+-)* 29.Bf2 c4! 30.Be1 d4! 31.cxd4 Qd7!-+;

B3b22) 28.d4 cxd4 Neil McDonald: '?' Neil McDonald: 'Black might have paid dearly for this greedy move.' 29.Bxd4 Neil McDonald: '?' Neil

McDonald: 'White misses his big chance with' Bc5?! An inaccuracy. *(29...Qc4!* preparing 30... Bc5 was stronger. preparing 30...Bc5 was stronger. *30.Ng3 Bc5 31.Ne2 Bf5!-+)* 30.Nf6?! *(* The last chance to resist would be The last chance to resist would be *30.Ng3!? Bxd4 31.cxd4 Qc4 32.Nf1)* 30...Bxd4 31.cxd4 Qc3! Now White's position falls apart. 32.h3 Neil McDonald: '?' Neil McDonald: 'The decisive mistake of a hard fought game. It should be a draw after' Rc4 33.Kh1 Qxd4 Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'threatening mate on f1.' 34.Qe2 Neil McDonald: 'It is still mate on f1 after' g4 *(*or *34...Rc3-+)* 35.hxg4 Bxg4 36.Qe1 Be6 *(36...Re7!?-+)* 37.Rb4 Rbc7 38.Ne8 Rxb4 39.Rxb4 Qc3 40.Qh4 Qa1+ A very convincing win for Tomashevsky. It seems that 8...Qb6 is inaccurate, I can recommend 8...h5! A very convincing win for Tomashevsky. It seems that 8...Qb6 is inaccurate, I can recommend 8...h5! 0-1 (40) Dubov,D (2683)-Tomashevsky,E (2713) St Petersburg 2017 [Mikhalevski,V];

B4) It seems that the most accurate way to play here is 8...h5! 9.Ne2 h4 10.Qf2 *(* One correspondence game saw *10.Qf3 Be7 11.Nf4* Hrubaru,M (2073)-Herzog,K (2044) LSS email 2009, and then *0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Rb8=)* 10...Be6 11.0-0 Qb6 12.a4 h3 13.gxh3 Neil McDonald: '?' 0-0-0 with roughly equal chances. with roughly equal chances.;

B5) 8...Be6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0 g5 11.d3 Be7 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.a4 Kd7 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Qe1 Rab8 16.Bd2 Rb2 17.c4 Qc7 18.Qc1 Rhb8 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Bc3 R2b7 21.h4 d4 22.Be1 g4 23.Nd2 Qxe5 24.Ne4 f5 25.Bg3 Qd5 26.Bxb8 Rxb8 27.Qf4 Rb2 28.Rab1 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 fxe4 30.dxe4 Qc6 31.Qb8 Bd6 32.Qxa7+ Bc7 33.e5 Qd5 34.Rb5 Qxe5 0-1 (34) kira523 (2854)-NIndja64 (2871) Blitz 2022]

[7.d3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be6 9.Nh3 h6 10.Bg3 g5 11.Nf2 Qd7 12.Be2 h5 13.h4 g4 14.Qe3 d4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Qd2 Bh6 17.Qc3 Be3 18.Ne4 Nxe2 19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.Kxe2 Qd4 21.Be1 Rad8 22.a4 b6 23.Rf1 g3 24.Rb1 Qxc3 25.Bxc3 Bd4 26.Bd2 Bxe5 27.Bg5 Kd6 28.a5 Kc6 29.axb6 axb6 30.Ne4 Ra8 31.Bf6 Bxf6 32.Rxf6 Ra2 33.Rc1 Kd5 34.Ng5 Rha8 35.Ke3 R8a4 36.c4+ Kd6 37.Rcf1 Rxg2 38.Nxf7+ Ke7 39.Ng5 Bg4 40.Rf7+ Kd8 41.Rf8+ Kc7 42.R1f7+ Kc6 43.Rf6+ Kb7 44.Ne4 Rg1 45.Nd6+ Kc7 46.Nb5+ Kb7 47.R6f7+ Kc6 48.Rc7#

1-0 (48) Boris_Markoja (2719)-sergeikim2003 (2574) Blitz 2021]
[7.Qg3 Huber,G: 'followed by ♘f3 and continued development is a bit awkward for black due to the g7 pawn. gefolgt von ♘ f3 und weiterer Entwicklung ist wegen des Bauern g7 ein wenig unbequem für Schwarz.' Huber,G: 'followed by ♘f3 and continued development is a bit awkward for black due to the g7 pawn. ' Huber,G: 'gefolgt von ♘f3 und weiterer Entwicklung ist wegen des Bauern g7 ein wenig unbequem für Schwarz.'

A) 7...Nc6 8.Nf3 This move has never been played before. Qc7! This looks as if it forces the bishop to make a decision, but Arvola has another idea in mind. 9.Bb5? h6 *(*Or *9...Bd7 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.Bxc6* and Black wriggles out. It looks like *11...Bxc6!* should be played (in order to shepherd home the forward g-pawn) *12.Ng5 Be8 13.d4 h6 14.Nf3* (slowing down White's advanced passed pawn, but not stopping the reserves) *Bd7 15.Be3 c4∞)* 10.0-0?! Be6 11.d4 Three pawns for the piece, but with White's pieces unable to leap into action, Black is on top. c4 12.Kh1 0-0-0! 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.a4 Qd7? This allows White's queen too much scope. 15.Ng1 Bf5 16.Qf2?! g6 17.Be3 Be7 18.Rfb1 Qc6 Now Laznicka can rest (to some extent!) at ease, as without queens his king is safer. However, although White's pawns don't offer fully adequate compensation, technical problems exist. 19.Nf3 Rdf8 20.a5 Bd8 21.Rb2 Be6 This tempo gain is the main point behind his nineteenth move. 22.Rab1 Bxa5 23.Rxb7 Bb6 24.R7xb6 axb6 It's simpler not to allow the check on h7. 25.Qd2 g5 26.Qc1 Kd7 27.Qb2 Ra8 Tidying up, but with rooks still on the board the pawns are more dangerous. 28.Ne1 Ra6 29.Kg1 Rha8?! Pushing the bishop to f7 doesn't help the cause. 30.Qb4?! Rb8 31.h4 Ra4 32.Qb2 gxh4 33.Bxh6 Rg8 34.Kf2 Rg6 Getting his act together just in time! 35.Bf8 Bf5! Now White's pawns can be held in check long enough to get all his forces activated. 36.Nf3 Be4 37.e6+ Kxe6 38.Qxb6 Qxb6 39.Rxb6+ Kd7 40.Rb7+ Kc6 41.Rxf7 Bxf3 42.Rxf3 Ra2 43.Be7 Rxc2+ 44.Kf1 Rg3 45.Bxh4 Rxf3+ 46.gxf3 Rxc3 47.Ke2 Kd7 0-1 (47) Arvola,B (2466)-Laznicka,V (2647) Tornelo INT 2021 [Flear, Glenn];

B) 7...Be6 8.Rb1 Qc7 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.0-0 g5 12.d4 Be7 13.Be3 c4 14.h4 0-0-0 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.h5 Qa4 17.Rb2 Ba3 18.Rfb1 Bxb2 19.Rxb2 Qa3 20.Bc1 Qxc3 21.Qf2 Rhg8 22.Nd2 g4 23.Nb1 Qa5 24.Bd2 Qa4 25.Nc3 Qa3 26.Rb1 g3 27.Qf6 Rh8 28.Nb5 Qxa2 29.Qf1 a6 30.Nd6+ Rxd6 31.exd6 Qxc2 32.Ba5 b5 33.Bb6 Qf2+ 34.Qxf2 gxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Kb7 36.Bc5 Kc6 37.Ke3 a5 38.Ra1 Ra8 39.Kd2 Bg4 40.Rf1 Bxh5 41.Rf6 Bg6 42.Kc3 b4+ 43.Kb2 c3+ 44.Kb3 Kb5 45.d7 a4+ 46.Ka2 Rd8 47.Rb6+ Kc4 48.Rxb4+ Kd3 49.Rb7 c2 50.Kb2 Kd2 51.Bb4+

Kd1 52.Rc7 Rxd7 53.Rc3 Rb7 54.Ka3 Rxb4 55.Kxb4 c1Q 56.Rxc1+ Kxc1 57.Kc5 Kd2 58.g4 Be4 59.Kd6 Ke3 60.Ke5 Kf3 61.g5 hxg5 62.Kf6 Ke3 63.Ke5 Kd3 64.Kd6 Kxd4 65.Kd7 Kd3 66.Ke7 d4 67.Kf8 Ke3 68.Ke7 d3 69.Kf8 d2 70.Ke7 d1Q 71.Kf8 Qd6+ 72.Kg7 Qd7 73.Kf6 Qd6+ 74.Kxg5 f5 75.Kh4 f4 76.Kg5 f3 77.Kh4 f2 78.Kg5 f1Q 79.Kh4 Qf3 80.Kg5 Qg6+ 81.Kh4 Qgf5 ½-½ (81) klorp27 (2706)-Viktor_Solovyov (2709) Blitz 2022]

7...Nc6 8.Qf2

[8.Bd3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Qg3 Bf5 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.Qd3 Qh4+ 13.Kd1 Qg4+ 14.Nf3 Be7 15.h3 Qxg2 16.Rh2 Qg6 17.Rb1 b6 18.h4 h5 19.Bg5 Bc5 20.Rd2 0-0 21.Rb3 d4 22.Kc1 Ne3 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Nxd4 Rf1+ 0-1 (24) Carlsen,M (2862)-Tang,A (2538) lichess.org INT 2021]

[8.Bb5 Be7 9.Ne2 Be6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 Rc8 12.Nf4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qh3 Qb6 16.Bd7 Rxc2 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Bf5 g6 20.Bxc2 Nxc2 21.Rf1 Kg7 22.Bh6+ 1-0 (22) Riders_On_The_Storm (2788)-Darcy95 (2784) Blitz 2021]

8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Nf3 h6 11.h4 Qa4 12.Rc1 c4 13.Be2 Ba3 14.Rb1 Qxc2 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Rfd1 Rhf8 17.Qg3 Qg6 18.Qf2 f6 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.Qe3 Bf5 21.Ne5 Qe8 22.Qg3 Bxb1 23.Rxb1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Rb6 25.Rf1 Rb2 26.Bg4+ Kb8 27.Be3 Ka8 28.Bd4 Qc6 29.Qe3 b6 30.e6 Bc5 31.e7 Re8 32.Rf7 Bxd4 33.Qxd4 Qd6 34.Bf3 Rb5 35.Qxc4 Rc5 36.Qd4 Rxe7 37.Rf8+ Kb7 38.Rf4 Kc7 39.g3 Rc4 40.Qxd5 Qxd5 41.Bxd5 Rxf4 42.gxf4 Re2 43.Bb3 Re3 44.Kg2 Rxc3 45.Kf2 Kd6 46.f5 Ke5 47.f6 Kxf6 48.Ke2 Ke5 49.h5 Kd4 50.Bf7 Rc2+ 51.Kf3 Rc5 52.Kf4 Re5 53.Bg8 Re7 54.Bh7 Re6 55.Bg6 Rf6+ 56.Kg4 Rxg6+ 57.hxg6 Ke5 58.Kh5 Kf5 59.Kh4 Kxg6 60.a3 Kf6 61.a4 g6 62.Kg3 Ke5 63.Kf2 Kd5 64.Ke3 Kc5 65.Ke2 Kb4 66.Kf2 Ka5 67.Kf3 Kxa4 68.Ke4 Kb4 69.Ke5 b5 70.Kf6 ½-½ (70) Marsizback (2921)-rosagasa (2848) Blitz 2022

6...Be7 Mikhalevski,V: 'is a more popular continuation. However, after' 7.d4 c5

[7...0-0 8.Bd3 Huber,G: 'and white has excellent practical results from here due to his kingside pressure. und der Druck auf dem Königsflügel hat Weiß in dieser Stellung exzellente praktische Ergebnisse beschert.' Huber,G: 'and white has excellent practical results from here due to his kingside pressure.'Huber,G: 'und der Druck auf dem Königsflügel hat Weiß in dieser Stellung exzellente praktische Ergebnisse beschert.'

A) 8...c5 Neil McDonald: '!' 9.Ne2 Huber,G: 'and white intends to finish development and gradually generate kingside pressure. und Weiß möchte seine Entwicklung abschließen und allmählich Druck am Königsflügel entfalten.' Huber,G: 'and white intends to finish development and gradually generate kingside pressure.' Huber,G: 'und Weiß möchte seine Entwicklung abschließen und allmählich Druck am Königsflügel entfalten.'

A1) 9...g6 10.Bh6 c4 11.Bxf8 Qxf8 12.Qxd5 cxd3 13.cxd3

Nc6 14.0-0 Bf5 15.Rxf5 gxf5 16.Ng3 Bg5 17.Nxf5 Ne7 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Rf1 Rc8 20.Qb3 Bd2 21.Qd1 Qg5 22.Kh1 Rxc3 23.Qf3 Qf4 24.Qe2 Qxf1+ 25.Qxf1 Rc1 26.Qxc1 Bxc1 27.d5 Bb2 28.e6 fxe6 29.dxe6 Kf8 30.g3 Ke7 31.Kg2 Kxe6 32.Kf3 Kd5 33.h4 b5 34.g4 a5 35.g5 a4 36.h5 b4 37.Ke3 b3 38.axb3 a3 39.Kd2 a2 40.g6 0-1 (40) Romaa2011 (2718)-aaryan_varshney (2563) Blitz 2024;

A2) 9...Nc6 Neil McDonald: 'and Black has a strong attack.' Neil McDonald: 'Even worse for White is' 10.0-0 Mikhalevski,V: 'avoids a draw, but leads to White edge. avoids a draw, but leads to White edge.' Be6 11.Be3 Qd7 *(11...Rc8 12.Nf4* Huber,G: '⩲' Huber,G: 'Antal-Hart, 2004. Antal-Hart, 2004.' Huber,G: 'Antal-Hart, 2004.' Huber,G: 'Antal-Hart, 2004.*)* 12.h3 g6 13.Nf4 c4 14.Be2 Rad8 15.Qg3 Kh8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bh6 Rf5 18.Bg4 Rg8 19.Qe3 Nd8 20.Rab1 b6 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Bf4 Qe8 23.Qf3 Qg6 24.Kf2 Nf7 25.Rg1 Ng5 26.Bxg5 Bxg5 27.Ke2 f4 28.Kd2 Rf8 29.Rbf1 Qe4 30.Kc1 Bh4 31.Qxe4 dxe4 32.g3 f3 33.gxh4 e3 34.Kd1 e2+ 35.Ke1 exf1Q+ 36.Kxf1 1-0 (36) Wish_I_Knew_You (2707)-castanedastral (2661) Blitz 2021;

A3) 9...f6 10.Nf4 fxe5 11.dxe5 Nc6 12.Qxd5+ Qxd5 13.Nxd5 Bh4+ 14.g3 Bd8 15.Be3 b6 16.Be4 Bf5 17.Ne7+ Bxe7 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.Bxc6 Rad8 20.Rf1 Bxc2 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.c4 Bf5 23.0-0-0 g5 24.Bd5 Kg7 25.Kd2 Bh3 26.Re1 Kg6 27.a3 Kf5 28.Kd3 Rd8 29.Kc2 Rf8 30.Kb2 Rd8 31.Kc3 ½-½ (31) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Garcia Rojas,H (2346) ICCF Email 2005;

A4) 9...c4 10.Bf5 Bxf5 11.Qxf5 Qd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 f6 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.0-0 fxe5 16.dxe5 Qg4 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Be3 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bxd4 20.Rad1 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 Bxe3+ 22.Qxe3 d4 23.Qf2 Qd7 24.Qf6 Re8 25.Rf4 d3 26.cxd3 cxd3 27.Rf1 d2 28.Qf3 Rd8 29.Rd1 Qd4+ 30.Kh1 Qxe5 31.h3 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Qe5+ 33.Kh1 Qd5 34.Qc3 b5 35.a3 a6 36.Kh2 Qd6+ 37.Kh1 Qd3 38.Qf6 Re8 39.Qf2 Qe2 40.Rxd2 Qxf2 41.Rxf2 Re3 42.Ra2 Rb3 43.Kg1 Kf7 44.Kf2 Ke6 45.Ke2 Kd5 46.Kd2 Kc4 47.Kc2 Rc3+ 48.Kd2 Rb3 49.Kc2 Rc3+ 50.Kb2 Rg3 51.Kc1 Rc3+ 52.Kd1 Rg3 53.Rf2 Kb3 54.Ke2 Ka4 55.Kf1 Rb3 56.Rf7 Rb1+ 57.Kf2 Rb3 58.Kg1 Kxa3 59.Ra7 Kb2 60.Rxa6 b4 61.Ra7 Ra3 62.Rxh7 b3 63.Rc7 Ka2 64.Rc3 b2 65.Rc2 Kb1 66.Rc5 Rc3 67.Kh2 Rxc5 68.Kg3 Rc3+ 69.Kh4 Kc1 70.g4 b1Q 71.g5 Qb3 72.Kg4 Qb4# 0-1 (72) trobe35 (2724)-AjedrezTrascendental (2555) Blitz 2023;

B) 8...Qd7 9.Ne2 c6 10.0-0 Qg4 11.Qf2 Bh4 12.g3 Bg5 13.Bxg5 Qxg5 14.Nf4 Bg4 15.h3 Bd7 16.Rae1 Na6 17.h4 Qh6 18.Be2 Nc7 19.g4 g6 20.Qg3 Ne6 21.Bd3 Kh8 22.Nxe6 Bxe6 23.g5 Qg7 24.Rf6 c5 25.h5 Rac8 26.Ref1 Rfe8 27.h6 Qf8 28.Qf4 Kg8 29.Kh2 a6 30.Rf2 Qe7 31.Bf1 Rf8 32.Bh3 cxd4 33.Bxe6 fxe6 34.cxd4 Rxf6 35.exf6 Qc7 36.Kg3 Kf7 37.Qxc7+ Rxc7 38.Kf4 Rc3 39.Re2 b5 40.Ke5 Rc6 41.a3 a5 42.Re1 Rxc2 43.Kd6 Rc8 44.Rb1 Rb8 45.Kc7 Re8 46.Rxb5 e5 47.Rxd5 e4 48.Rd7+ Ke6 49.d5+ Kf5 50.Re7 Ra8 51.d6 Ra7+ 52.Kc6 Ra6+ 53.Kb5 Ra8 54.f7 Rb8+ 55.Kc6 Re8 56.Kd7 Rf8 57.Re8 Rxf7+ 58.Re7 Rf8 59.Kc6 Rc8+ 60.Kd7 Rb8 61.Kc6 Rb7 62.Kxb7 e3 63.Kc6 Kg4 64.Rf7 Kh5 65.Re7 e2 66.Re5 e1Q 67.Re3 1-0 (67) Chess_Masochist (2719)-GgangbuVip (2684) Blitz 2021;

C) 8...f5 9.Ne2 c5 10.dxc5 Nc6 11.Bf4 g5 12.Bg3 f4 13.Qh5 Rf7 14.Nxf4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 Kh8 16.0-0 Qg8 17.e6 Rg7 18.Rae1 Bxe6 19.Be5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Bxc5+ 21.Kh1 Re8 22.Qh5 Bf7 23.Qh6 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Rxg2 25.Qf6+ Qg7 26.Qd8+ Bg8 0-1 (26) kira523 (2854)-NoRolex (2821) Blitz 2022]

[7...f6

A) 8.Bd3 0-0 Mikhalevski,V: 'allowing' 9.Qh5 Huber,G: 'guarantees white at least a draw, but trying for more appears risky. garantiert Weiß zumindest Remis, aber mehr zu wollen, wirkt riskant.' Huber,G: 'guarantees white at least a draw, but trying for more appears risky.' Huber,G: 'garantiert Weiß zumindest Remis, aber mehr zu wollen, wirkt riskant.' g6 10.Bxg6 hxg6 11.Qxg6+ Neil McDonald: '1/2-1/2 Rozentalis, E (2595)-Moldobaev, E (2388)/Mallorca 2004. Black is still much better after' Kh8 Mikhalevski,V: 'with repetition.' 12.Nf3 Huber,G: '?!' *(12.Qh6+* Huber,G: 'with perpetual check is likely white's best. mit Dauerschach ist wahrscheinlich das Beste für Weiß.' Huber,G: 'with perpetual check is likely white's best.' Huber,G: 'mit Dauerschach ist wahrscheinlich das Beste für Weiß. ' *)* 12...Qe8 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.0-0

A1) 14...fxe5 15.Bg5 Nc6 Huber,G: '!' 16.Nxe5 *(16.dxe5 Qf7* Huber,G: '∓' Huber,G: 'was good for black in Depasquale-Charles, 1999. war gut für Schwarz, Depasquale-Charles, 1999.' Huber,G: 'was good for black in Depasquale-Charles, 1999.' Huber,G: 'war gut für Schwarz, Depasquale-Charles, 1999.' *)* 16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bc5+ Huber,G: '!' *(17...Rxf1+* Huber,G: '?' *18.Rxf1 Bf8 19.Rxf8+ Qxf8 20.Qg6+* Huber,G: 'is a perpetual check. ist Dauerschach.'Huber,G: 'is a perpetual check.'Huber,G: 'ist Dauerschach.'*)* 18.Be3 *(18.Kh1* Huber,G: '?' *Bf5* Huber,G: '-+!' Huber,G: 'and black defends. und Schwarz verteidigt sich.' Huber,G: 'and black defends.' Huber,G: 'und Schwarz verteidigt sich.' *)* 18...Bxe3+ 19.Qxe3 Rf5 Huber,G: '∓' Huber,G: 'and

white's attack is insufficient. und der weiße Angriff reicht nicht aus. ' Huber,G: 'and white's attack is insufficient.'Huber,G: 'und der weiße Angriff reicht nicht aus.';

A2) 14...Rf7 15.Qg6+ Kh8 16.Ng5 1-0 (16) Wish_I_Knew_You (2718)-castanedastral (2652) Blitz 2021;

B) 8.exf6 Bxf6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Ne2 Be6 12.0-0 Qd7 13.Qg3 Rf7 14.Bg5 Raf8 15.Nf4 Bf5 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Nh5 Rg6 18.Qf2 Ne7 19.Rae1 Re6 20.Qg3 Bg6 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Rf1+ Kg8 23.Qf3 Qe8 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Nf4 Rf6 26.Qe2 Qf7 27.g3 c6 28.Re1 Nf5 29.Nd3 Nd6 30.Ne5 Qe6 31.Kg2 Ne4 32.Ng4 Rf8 33.c4 a6 34.cxd5 cxd5 35.c4 Qf5 36.cxd5 Nc3 37.Qe6+ Kh7 38.Qxf5 gxf5 39.Ne3 f4 40.gxf4 Rxf4 41.Rc1 Ne2 42.Rc7 Nxd4 43.Rxb7 Re4 44.Kf2 Rf4+ 45.Ke1 Nf3+ 46.Ke2 Nxh2 47.d6 Rd4 48.d7 Kg6 49.Nc2 Rd6 50.Nb4 Kf6 51.Nc6 1-0 (51) Wish_I_Knew_You (2722)-castanedastral (2647) Blitz 2021]

8.Bd3

[8.Nh3 Qa5 9.Nf4 Be6 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.0-0 Qa4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qf7 Kd7 16.Qxe6+ Kc7 17.Rf7 Rhe8 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.Bxe7 Rexe7 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Qxd5 Qxc2 22.Qd6+ Kb6 23.Bf3 Qxc3 24.Rb1+ Ka6 25.Bxc6 b6 26.Qxe7 1-0 (26) Bardiya___Daneshvar (2805)-chess_master_402 (2601) Blitz 2024]

8...Nc6 9.Ne2 c4 10.Bf5 Bxf5 11.Qxf5 Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Nf4 f6 14.e6+ Kd8 15.Nxd5 Bd6 16.0-0 Re8 17.Re1 Ne7 18.Nxe7 Kxe7 19.Rb1 b6 20.Rb5 Rab8 21.Rh5 h6 22.Rh4 b5 23.Kf1 Red8 24.Ree4 a5 25.d5 Be5 26.Rhg4 g5 27.Be3 Rxd5 28.Bd4 Rbd8 0-1 (28) Gaius_Baltar (2865)-yolo_gaming (2783) Blitz 2023

6...Be6 7.d4 c5

[7...Nd7

A) 8.Bd3 c5 9.Ne2 Qb6N *(Vorgänger: 9...g6 10.Nf4 Qa5 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qh3 Qxc3 14.Be3 c4 15.Be2 h5* 0-1 (27) Kumala,A (2220)-Putka, V (2307) Katowice 2017*)* 10.Be3 g6 11.Nf4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qa5+ 13.Ke2 Nb6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qf6 1-0 (15) Liu,Q (2542)-Zhang,Z (2617) Fuling 2022;

B) 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.Bd3 c5 10.Ne2 g6 11.Nf4 Bg7 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.0-0 Rf8 14.Qh3 Rxf1+ 15.Bxf1 Nf8 16.Ba3 b6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Bb5+ Kf7 19.Bxc5 Kg8 20.Rb4 Qg5 21.Qe3 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxa7 Ra8 24.Ra4 Bxc3 25.Bc5 Rb8 26.Bd3 e5 27.Ra7 e4 28.Be2 d4 29.Bc4+ Kh8 30.Bd6 Re8 31.Bf7 d3 32.cxd3 Bd4+ 33.Kf1 Rd8 34.Ra6 exd3 35.Ke1 Kg7 36.Bc4 Re8+ 37.Kd1 Bc3 38.Bxd3 Rd8 39.Bxf8+ Kxf8 40.Kc2 Bf6 41.Ra7 Bg7 42.Bc4 Rc8 43.Rf7+ Ke8 44.Rxg7 Rxc4+ 45.Kb3 Rh4 46.g3 Rxh2 47.a4 Kd8 48.a5 Kc8 49.Kb4 Kb8 50.Kb5 Ka8 51.Ka6 Kb8 52.Rb7+ Ka8 53.Re7 Kb8 54.Re3 Kc7 55.Kb5 Rb2+ 56.Kc5 Ra2 57.Kb4 Rb2+ 58.Kc3 Ra2 59.Kb4 Ra1 60.Re7+ Kd6 61.Rxh7 Rb1+ 62.Kc4 Ra1 63.Kb5 Rb1+ 64.Ka6 Rb3 65.Rg7 Rxg3 66.Kb5 g5

67.a6 Rb3+ 68.Ka4 Ra3+ 69.Kxa3 Kc6 70.Rxg5 Kb6 71.Rg6+ Kc5 72.Ka4 Kd4 73.Ka5 Ke3 74.a7 Kd2 75.a8Q Kc2 76.Qd5 Kb1 77.Rg3 Ka1 78.Qg2 Kb1 79.Rh3 Kc1 80.Rh1# 1-0 (80) kira523 (2829)-AttackingBeast (2799) Blitz 2022]

[7...Be7 8.Bd3 *(8.Nh3 g5 9.Nf2 h5 10.Bd3 c5 11.h3 Nc6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.0-0 c4 14.Be2 Qxc3 15.Rac1 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qxd4 17.Rce1 g4 18.Qg3 h4* 0-1 (18) DrGoodstein2986 (2739)-FranjZ (2841) Blitz 2020*)* 8...c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.0-0 Qb6 *(10...h6 11.Qg3 g5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.Bf5 Rdf8 15.Ng3 Rhg8 16.Qg4 Kb8 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nh5 cxd4 19.cxd4 Na5 20.Rae1 Nc4 21.Bc1 Rf5 22.Ng3 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Bb4 24.Rf6 Rf8 25.Qxe6 Qxe6 26.Rxe6 Be1 27.Rf6 Rc8 28.Ne2 Nb6 29.c3 Bxc3 30.Ba3 Bd2 31.e6 Nc4 32.e7* 1-0 (32) Romaa2011 (2739)-MetiForce (2610) Blitz 2024*)* 11.Be3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Bf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 Qg6 15.Qf2 Nxc2 16.Rab1 Bh4 17.Qf3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bg5 19.Qf3 0-0 20.Rxb7 f6 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Nf4 Qg4 24.h3 Qg3 25.Rb3 Qh4 26.Ne6 Rfe8 27.Rbf3 Rac8 28.Rf4 Qh6 29.Qf5 Rxe6 30.Qxe6 Bxd4+ 31.Rxd4 Qxe6 32.Rdf4 h6 33.a4 Rc2 34.Rf8+ Kh7 35.R8f4 Qe3+ 36.Kh1 Qe2 37.Rg1 Rc3 38.Rb1 Ra3 39.Rg4 Ra2 40.Rc1 Rc2 41.Rb1 Rd2 42.Rb5 Rd1+ 43.Kh2 Qe5+ 44.Rxe5 1-0 (44) Romaa2011 (2790)-AttackingBeast (2746) Blitz 2024]

8.Bb5+

[8.Ne2 Qa5 9.Bd2 Nc6 10.Qg3 Rc8 11.Nf4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.c3 g6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bd3 Be7 16.Qh3 Kd7 17.0-0 Nxe5 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Rbe1 Qd6 21.Bb5+ 1-0 (21) IDISJUDA (2730)-AttackingBeast (2764) Blitz 2024]

[8.Rb1 Qd7N *(*Vorgänger: *8...b6 9.Bb5+ Nd7 10.Nh3 cxd4 11.0-0 Be7 12.cxd4 0-0 13.Nf4 Nb8 14.Rb3 a6 15.Bd3 Nc6 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rh3 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Qf8+ 21.Kg1* 1-0 (21) Langer,W-Hoeffner,F Leipzig 1996 *)* 9.Bb5 Nc6 10.Ne2 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 cxd4 13.cxd4 a6 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.Nf4 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Rac8 17.Qg3 Kh8 18.Nh5 Rg8 19.Bg5 Rc2 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Rf4 Rxa2 22.Rbf1 b5 23.Rh4 g5 24.Nf6 Qxf6 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.Rxf6 Ra1+ 27.Kf2 Ra2+ 28.Ke3 Rg7 29.h4 Ra1 30.hxg5 Rh1 31.Qf3 b4 32.g4 Rh4 33.g6+ Rxg6 34.Rxg6 fxg6 35.Qf6 Rh3+ 36.Kf4 Bg8 37.Kg5 b3 38.Qxg6+ Kh8 39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.Qf5+ Kh8 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qb6 Bf7 43.e6 Rh6 44.Qb7 Rg6+ 45.Kf4 Rf6+ 46.Kg5 1-0 (46) Gokerkan,C (2486)-Sarana,A (2668) Chess.com INT 2023]

8...Nc6 9.Ne2 Qa5 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nf4 0-0 13.Bd2 cxd4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qg4 Bc5 16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Kh1 dxc3 18.Bg5 Qb5 19.Rfb1 Qe2 20.Qxc6 Rac8 21.Qxd5 Qxc2 22.e6 Ba3 23.e7 Rfe8 24.Qe5 Qg6 25.Rf1 c2 26.h3 h6 27.Bf6 c1Q 28.Raxc1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Bxc1 30.Bh4 Bg5 31.Qb5 Bxh4 0-1 (31) kira523 (2839)-eco-chess (2689) Blitz 2022

6...Qh4+ Huber,G: 'is a similar idea to the queen exchange in the 5... ♘c6 line, but gives white more

options since his bishop is not yet committed to b5. verfolgt eine ähnliche Idee wie der Damentausch in der Variante mit 5... ♘c6, gibt Weiß aber mehr Möglichkeiten, da sich der Läufer noch nicht auf b5 festgelegt hat.'Huber,G: 'is a similar idea to the queen exchange in the 5...♘c6 line, but gives white more options since his bishop is not yet committed to b5.'Huber,G: 'verfolgt eine ähnliche Idee wie der Damentausch in der Variante mit 5... ♘c6, gibt Weiß aber mehr Möglichkeiten, da sich der Läufer noch nicht auf b5 festgelegt hat.' 7.g3 Qe4+ 8.Qxe4 dxe4 9.Ne2

[9.Bg2 Breutigam,Martin: 'would certainly be White's preference.' Breutigam,Martin: 'würde Weiß sicherlich lieber spielen.'

A) 9...Nc6 10.Bxe4 *(10.d4* Huber,G: '?!' *exd3 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.cxd3 Bf5* Huber,G: '∓' Huber,G: 'and a position from the 5... ♘c6 line has been reached which is promising for black due to the two bishops. und eine Stellung aus der Variante mit 5... ♘c6 hat sich ergeben, die für Schwarz wegen der beiden Läufer aussichtsreich ist. ' Huber,G: 'and a position from the 5...♘c6 line has been reached which is promising for black due to the two bishops.'Huber,G: 'und eine Stellung aus der Variante mit 5...♘c6 hat sich ergeben, die für Schwarz wegen der beiden Läufer aussichtsreich ist.'*)* 10...Nxe5 11.Rb1 Huber,G: '=' Huber,G: 'and white has a very slight initiative, but black should equalize with little difficulty. und Weiß verfügt über eine ganz leichte Initiative, die Schwarz jedoch ohne große Schwierigkeiten ausgleichen können sollte.' Huber,G: 'and white has a very slight initiative, but black should equalize with little difficulty.' Huber,G: 'und Weiß verfügt über eine ganz leichte Initiative, die Schwarz jedoch ohne große Schwierigkeiten ausgleichen können sollte.' c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Kf2 0-0 15.Re1 Rb8 16.c4 Bg4 17.c5 Bc7 18.Rb3 f5 19.Bd3 f4 20.Bxg6 fxg3+ 21.hxg3 hxg6 22.Re7 Bd8 23.Re4 Bf5 24.Re2 g5 25.Ke1 Ba5+ 26.Bd2 Bxc2 27.Ra3 Bxd2+ 28.Kxd2 Bf5 29.Ne5 Rbd8 30.Kc3 a6 31.Rb3 Bc8 32.Rb1 Rf6 33.Rbe1 Rdf8 34.a4 Rf1 35.Kb4 Rxe1 36.Rxe1 Bf5 37.Ka5 Rd8 38.Rd1 Re8 39.Rd2 Be6 40.Kb6 Re7 41.Rb2 g6 42.a5 Kg7 43.Ka7 Bc8 44.Kb8 Re8 45.Rxb7+ Bxb7+ 46.Kxb7 1-0 (46) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Piccoli,F (2087) ICCF Email 2005;

B) 9...Bf5 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.cxd4 0-0-0 13.c3 c5 14.0-0 Bg6 15.Bb2 Be7 16.Rae1 f5 17.Bh3 Rhf8 18.Rxe4 Kc7 19.Re2 Bg5 20.Ref2 f4 21.gxf4 Bh4 22.f5 Bxf2+ 23.Rxf2 Bh5 24.dxc5 Rd3 25.Bf1 Rf3 26.Rxf3 Bxf3 27.Bh3 Be4 28.e6 Kd8 29.c6 bxc6 30.Ba3 Rf6 31.Bc5 Bxf5 32.Bg2 Rg6 33.Kf2 Rxe6 34.Bxa7 Be4 35.Bh3 Rf6+ 36.Ke2 Bf5 37.Bg2 Rh6 38.Bb8 Kc8 39.Be5 Re6 40.d4 c5 41.Bd5 Re8 42.Ke3 cxd4+ 43.cxd4 g6 44.a4 Be6 45.Bc6 Bd7 46.Bb5

Bxb5 47.axb5 Kd7 48.Kd3 Rc8 49.b6 Kc6 50.Bc7 Rf8 51.Kc4 Rf5 52.Be5 Rf1 53.Bc7 Rc1+ 54.Kd3 Rb1 55.Ke4 Re1+ 56.Kf4 Re6 57.Kg5 Re4 58.h4 Re8 59.Bf4 Re7 60.Be5 Rd7 61.Kf6 Kxb6 62.h5 Kc6 63.hxg6 hxg6 64.Kxg6 Kd5 65.Kf5 Rb7 66.Bf6 Rb5 67.Be5 Rb3 68.Bf6 Rb1 69.Be5 Rd1 70.Kg4 Rd3 71.Bf4 Rd1 72.Bg5 Rd3 73.Kf5 Rd1 74.Bf6 Rxd4 75.Bxd4 ½-½ (75) CheeryChocolate (2741)-jgeg (2661) Blitz 2023]

9...Nc6 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.Bxe4 Bd6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Nf6 15.Bf3 c6 16.c4 0-0 17.Kd2 Rd8 18.Kc3 Bd7 19.Rab1 b6 20.Rhe1 Re8 21.Nd3 Rac8 22.Ne5 Kf8 23.g4 h6 24.h4 Be6 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 Nh7 27.g6 Ng5 28.Bxc6 f6 29.Bxe8 Kxe8 30.d5 Bxd5 31.Nc6+ Be6 32.Nd4 Kd7 33.Nxe6 Nxe6 34.Rbd1+ Ke7 35.Rd5 Rc7 36.Kb4 a6 37.a4 Rc6 38.Re2 Ke8 39.a5 Ke7 40.axb6 Rxb6+ 41.Ka5 Rc6 42.c5 Ke8 43.c4 Kf8 44.Kb4 Ke7 45.Re1 1-0 (45) kira523 (2798)-Swordoftheword16 (2638) Blitz 2022

6...d4 7.Qg3

[7.Bc4 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qxb7 Nd7 10.cxd4 Nb6 *(10...Rb8 11.Qc6 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qxd4 13.Qxe6+ Be7 14.Ne2 Qxa1 15.0-0 Qxe5 16.Qf7+ Kd8 17.Nf4 Bc5+ 18.Kg2 Rb6 19.c3 Qe4+ 20.Kh3 Rh6+ 21.Kg4 Ne5+ 22.Kg5 Nxf7+ 23.Kg4 Ne5+ 24.Kg5 Be7#* 0-1 (24) Cl3tvsK4s4dy (2706)-NSAMBTDB (2756) Blitz 2022*)* 11.Qc6+ Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Nf3 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.d4 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Rac8 18.Kd3 Rhf8 19.a4 Nd5 20.Rhb1 Nf4+ 21.Kd2 Nxg2 22.Rb7+ Ke8 23.Rxg7 Nf4 24.Rxh7 Nd5 25.Rf1 Rc3 26.Rxa7 Rfxf3 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.a5 Rf2+ 29.Kd3 Nb4+ 30.Kc4 Nxc2 31.a6 Ne3+ 32.Kc5 Rxh2 33.Kd6 Ra2 34.Kxe6 Kd8 35.d5 Kc8 36.d6 Nc4 37.Ra8# 1-0 (37) Gakolchess765 (2722)-di_mochalov (2675) Blitz 2023]

7...dxc3 8.Nf3 Be6 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Ng5 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Nxd3 13.cxd3 0-0-0 14.dxc3 Qxd3 15.Be3 Rd7 16.Qf4 Be7 17.Bxa7 b6 18.a4 Kb7 19.a5 Bc5 20.Ne4 Be3 21.Qh4 g5 22.Nxg5 Bd5 23.Nf3 Rg8 24.axb6 Qe2 25.Qh3 Be6 26.Ng1 Bxh3 27.Nxe2 Bxg2# 0-1 (27) klorp27 (2735)-MergenSatrancMerkezi (2604) Blitz 2023

[54] **7...Be6** 8.Bb5

[8.Bd3 Qd7 9.Ne2 0-0-0 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nf4 Vorgänger: 11...Rdf8 *(11...g6N 12.a4 Na5 13.Bb5 c6 14.Bd3 Nc4 15.Qe2 Bg4 16.Qf2 Rhe8 17.h3 Be6 18.a5 a6 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Ba3 f5 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.Rab1 Bd5 23.Rb6 Be4 24.Rfb1 Qe8 25.R6b4 g5 26.Ne2 Bxc2 27.R1b2 Be4 28.d5 Kb8 29.d6 Red7 30.Qc5 Ka8 31.Nd4 Bd5 32.Re2 g4 33.e6 Rxd6 34.Rxb7 Kxb7 35.Qb6+ Kc8 36.Qxa6+ Kc7 37.Qa7+ Kc8 38.Rb2* 1-0 (38) Boruchovsky,A (2552)-Sevian,S (2687) Chess.com INT 2022*)* 12.Rb1 *(12.Bd2 g5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qh5 h6 15.Rxf8+ Bxf8 16.Bxg5 Rg8 17.Bd2 Qg7* 1-0 (39) Seul,G (2374)-Itkis,B (2343) Chess.com INT 2021*)* 12...Kb8 13.Be3 Ka8 14.Qg3 g6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bg5 a6 17.Bh6 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Bd8 19.Qf4 Re8

20.Qf7 Re7 21.Qg8 Re8 22.Rf8 Rxf8 23.Qxf8 Ka7 24.g3 Ne7 25.Qf7 c5 26.Qxh7 cxd4 27.cxd4 Qa4 28.Be3 Qxa2 29.Qf7 Qb1+ 30.Kg2 Qb6 31.h4 a5 32.c4 a4 33.Qf2 a3 34.Qa2 Qb4 35.Bc1 Qe1 36.Bxa3 Kb8 37.Bd6+ Kc8 38.cxd5 exd5 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qxb7+ Ke6 41.Qb2 Nf5 42.Bxf5+ gxf5 43.Qc2 Bb6 44.Qc8+ Kf7 45.Qxf5+ Ke8 46.Qc8+ Kf7 47.Qd7+ Kg6 48.Qe6+ Kg7 49.Qf6+ Kg8 50.Qg6+ Kh8 51.Qh5+ Kg8 52.Qf3 Kh8 53.Qf2 Qe4+ 54.Qf3 Qh7 55.Qf5 Qg8 56.Be7 Qg7 57.Bf6 Qxf6 58.Qxf6+ Kh7 59.e6 Bd8 60.Qf7+ Kh6 61.e7 Bxe7 62.Qxe7 Kh5 63.Qe5+ Kg4 64.Qg5# Normal 1-0 (64) Felix_Kuznetsov (2702)-Calzonesdesuperman (2617) Blitz 2024]

8...a6

[8...Qd7 9.Ne2 a6 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Nf4 Kb8 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bh6 Bf8 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rf3 Bg7 18.Raf1 Rhf8 19.Bf6 Bxf6 20.Rxf6 Rxf6 21.Rxf6 Nd8 22.Qh4 Qe7 23.Qh6 c5 24.h4 cxd4 25.cxd4 Qb4 26.Rf4 Nc6 27.Qxh7 Nxd4 28.Qxg6 Rh8 29.Qg3 Qc5 30.Qf2 1-0 (30) Romaa2011 (2717)-GK1963 (2726) Blitz 2024]

9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne2 Qh4+

[10...Qd7 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qd3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qe6 14.Qf3 Be7 15.Qg3 Qg6 16.Qxg6 hxg6 17.Bf4 Kd7 18.e6+ Kxe6 19.Rae1+ Kd7 20.Bxc7 f5 21.Be5 Bf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.g4 Rae8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.gxf5 g5 26.Kg2 Re3 27.Rf3 Re2+ 28.Rf2 Re3 29.Rf3 Re2+ 30.Kg3 Rxc2 31.Kg4 Rxh2 32.Re3 Rh4+ 33.Kg3 Rf4 34.Re1 Rxf5 35.Rh1 Kd6 36.Rh7 Rf1 37.Ra7 Rc1 38.Rxa6 Rxc3+ 39.Kg4 Rd3 40.Kf5 Rf3+ 41.Kg4 Rf4+ 42.Kh5 Rxd4 43.a4 Rf4 44.Ra8 d4 45.a5 Kc7 46.Ra7+ Kc8 47.a6 c5 48.Rb7 d3 49.Rb5 Ra4 50.Rxc5+ Kd7 51.Rd5+ Ke6 52.Rxd3 Rxa6 53.Kg6 Ra5 54.Re3+ Re5 55.Ra3 Rd5 56.Re3+ Re5 57.Ra3 g4 58.Ra6+ Ke7 59.Ra7+ Ke6 60.Ra6+ Kd5 61.Kxf6 Re1 62.Kf5 g3 63.Ra2 Rf1+ 64.Kg4 Rg1 65.Kf3 Ke5 66.Re2+ Kf5 67.Ra2 Kg5 68.Ra5+ Kh4 69.Ra4+ Kh3 70.Ra8 Rf1+ 71.Ke2 Kg2 72.Rg8 Rf2+ 73.Ke1 Ra2 74.Rg7 Kg1 75.Rxg3+ Kh2 76.Rg7 Ra1+ 77.Kf2 Ra2+ 78.Kf3 Ra3+ 79.Ke4 Ra4+ 80.Kd3 Rh4 81.Rd7 Rh3+ 82.Ke4 Ra3 83.Kf4 Ra4+ 84.Kf3 Ra3+ 85.Kf2 Ra2+ 86.Ke1 Ra1+ 87.Kd2 Ra2+ 88.Kc3 Rg2 89.Rh7+ Kg1 90.Rb7 Rg3+ 91.Kd4 Kg2 92.Ke4 Kh3 93.Kf4 Ra3 94.Rh7+ Kg2 95.Rg7+ Kf2 96.Rc7 Ra4+ 97.Ke5 Ra2 98.Kd4 Re2 99.Kd3 Ra2 100.Rf7+ Ke1 101.Re7+ Kd1 102.Rf7 Rd2+ 103.Kc3 Rc2+ 104.Kb3 Kc1 105.Rf2 Rxf2 106.Kc3 Re2 107.Kd4 Re1 108.Kd3 Rd1+ 109.Kc3 Rd2 110.Kc4 Rd1 111.Kc3 Rd2 112.Kb3 Rc2 113.Kb4 Kd1 114.Kb3 ½-½ (114) Romaa2011 (2744)-PoisonousPython_27 (2350) Blitz 2024]

11.g3 Qg4 12.Qxg4 Bxg4 13.Nf4 h5 14.0-0 g5 15.Ng2 Be7 16.Ne3 Bh3 17.Rf2 Kd7 18.Bd2 Ke6 19.Re1 Rab8 20.c4 Rb2 21.a3 Rhb8 22.Bc3 Rb1 23.Rfe2 Bxa3 24.c5 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Bb4 26.Bxb4 Rxb4 27.Rd1 a5 28.Kf2 a4 29.Ke2 Bg4+ 30.Nxg4 hxg4 31.Kd3 a3 32.Kc3 Rc4+ 33.Kb3 a2 34.c3 Kf5 35.Rc1 Ke4 36.Kxa2 Ra4+ 37.Kb3

Ra8 38.Kc2 Ra2+ 39.Kb3 Rxh2 40.Rf1 Rh7 41.Rf6 Rh3 42.Rxf7 Rxg3 43.e6 Re3 44.e7 Kd3 45.Rg7 Kd2 46.Kb2 g3 47.Rxg5 Rxe7 48.Rxg3 Re8 49.Rg2+ Kd3 50.Rg3+ Kc4 51.Kc2 Re2+ 52.Kd1 Rb2 53.Re3 Kb3 54.Rh3 Rc2 55.Rh6 Rxc3 56.Rxc6 Kc4 57.Rxc7 Kxd4 58.c6 Kc5 59.Rc8 Kd6 60.Rd8+ Ke6 61.Rh8 Rxc6 62.Rh6+ Kd7 63.Rxc6 Kxc6 64.Kc1 Kc5 65.Kd1 Kb4 66.Kd2 Kb5 67.Kd3 Kc5 68.Kc3 d4+ 69.Kd3 Kd5 70.Kc2 Kc4 ½-½ (70) LevyRozmanChess (2839)-HalfMillion2023 (2945) Blitz 2023

7...Be7 8.Qg3 Bh4 0-1 (8) vroeli (2815)-Stas-2444 (2622) Blitz 2021

[55] **9.Ne2** Qd7 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.Nf4 Kb8 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qf7 Nc4 14.Qxd7 Rxd7 15.Be2 a6 16.Bg4 Re7 17.Bg5 Re8 18.Rf7 h6 19.Bc1 h5 20.Be2 g6 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.Bg5 Rg8 23.Raf1 Ba3 24.h4 Bb2 25.R1f3 b5 26.Rh7 Ref8 27.Bf6 Kb7 ½-½ (27) Marsizback (2926)-rosagasa (2842) Blitz 2022

[56] Breutigam,Martin: 'You should remember that'Breutigam,Martin: 'Merken sollte man sich, dass' **6.Nxe4** Tony Kosten: '?!' Breutigam, Martin: '?!' Schussler: '?' Lukacs, Peter: '?'Breutigam,Martin: 'can (and should!) be met with the strong intermediate move' Lukacs, Peter: 'is punished by'Breutigam, Martin: 'mit dem starken Zwischenzug' 6...dxe4

[6...Nd4 Tony Kosten: '!' Breutigam, Martin: '!' Schussler: '!' Lukacs,Peter: '!' Breutigam,Martin: 'e.g.'Breutigam, Martin: 'beantwortet werden kann (und sollte!), z.B.'

A) 7.Qc3 dxe4 *(7...Bb4 8.Qxd4* 1-0 (8) Howell,D (2677)-Ricaurte Lopez,J (2226) chess.com INT 2023 *)* 8.Ne2 *(8.a3 Bf5 9.Bc4 Be7 10.b4 0-0 11.Bb2 c5 12.Ne2 Rc8 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.d3 b5 16.Bxb5 Qxc2 17.Qxc2 Rxc2 18.Bxd4 exd3 19.Rd1 Rxg2 20.Bxd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Rd8 22.Kd1 Rg4* 0-1 (22) ChessHobbits99 (2791)-Buhmann (2826) Blitz 2022*; 8.Bc4?? Bb4!)*

A1) 8...Nc6 9.Ng3 Bb4 *(9...Qd5 10.Bc4 Qxe5* Breutigam,Martin: ' ∓' Breutigam, Martin: '½-½ (69) Tzermiadianos, A (2440)-Mastrovasilis,A (2452) Athens 2002' *11.0-0 f5 12.d3* Weidemann,U-Wolter,U DESC email 2006, 1/ 2-1/2 (39), *Qxc3 13.bxc3 Na5 14.Nxf5 Nxc4 15.dxc4 Be6* with two bishops and a better pawn structure.*)* 10.Qe3 0-0 11.c3 *(11.Qxe4 Re8 12.Be2 Rxe5 13.Qf4 Qd4 14.Rf1 Bg4 15.c3 Qxf4 16.Rxf4 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Rae8 18.Rf2 Bc5 19.d4 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Bxd4* 0-1 (20) Jamorris94 (2728)-stas-2444 (2587) Blitz 2024*)* 11...Ba5 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 13.d4 Ng4 14.Qg5 Qe8 15.Bd3 Bb6 16.0-0 f6 17.Qh4 f5 18.Ng5 h6 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.h3 Nf6 21.Bf4 Qh5 22.Nf7+ Kh7 23.Qxh5 Nxh5 24.Be5 Bd7 25.Bh2 Rae8 26.Ne5 Be6 27.Bd3 g6 28.g4 Ng7 29.Rae1 c6 30.h4 h5 31.g5 c5 32.Bb5 Rd8 33.Bc4 cxd4 34.Bxe6 dxc3+ 35.Kh1 Nxe6 36.Nxg6 Rfe8 37.Ne5 cxb2 38.Rxf5 Rf8 39.g6+ Kg7

40.Rxh5 Rh8 41.Rxh8 Rxh8 42.Nf3 Bc7 43.Bxc7 Nxc7 44.Rb1 Kxg6 45.Rxb2 b6 46.Rc2 Nd5 47.Rc6+ Kf5 48.Kg2 Kf4 49.Kf2 Re8 50.Rd6 Ke4 51.Rg6 Nf4 52.Rg4 Kf5 53.Rg5+ Kf6 54.h5 Nd3+ 55.Kg3 Ne5 0-1 (55) Rivuza (2746)-Mops2_2004 (2651) Blitz 2022;

A2) 8...c5 Tony Kosten: 'is also good,' 9.Nxd4 *(9.Ng3?* Fritz,A-Alapin,S Breslau 1889, 1-0 (45), *b5!* and ...b4.*)* 9...Qxd4 10.d3 Qxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bf5 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.Bg5 Rd7 14.dxe4 Be6 15.Bb5 Rc7 16.0-0-0 Be7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Rd6 a6 19.Be2 Bd7 20.Rhd1 Bc6 21.Bg4+ Kc7 22.e6 fxe6 23.Bxe6 Rhe8 24.Bg4 Rxe4 25.Bf3 R4e6 26.R6d2 R8e7 27.Bd5 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Re2 29.Rxc5+ Kb6 30.Rg5 g6 31.Rd6+ Kc7 32.Rd4 Rf7 33.Rd2 Re1+ 34.Kb2 Rff1 35.c4 Rb1+ 36.Kc3 Ra1 37.Rc5+ Kb6 38.Rcd5 Rxa2 39.Rd6+ Kc7 40.Rd7+ Kc6 41.R2d6+ Kc5 42.Rd5+ Kc6 43.R5d6+ Kc5 44.Rd3 Ra3+ 45.Kb2 Rxd3 46.cxd3 Rf2+ 47.Kc3 Rxg2 48.Rxh7 Kc6 49.d4 b5 50.cxb5+ axb5 51.Rh6 Kd5 52.Kb4 Kxd4 53.h4 Ke4 54.Kxb5 Kf5 55.Kc6 Rh2 56.Kd6 Kg4 57.Ke6 Rxh4 58.Rxg6+ Kf3 59.Rg8 Rf4 60.Kd5 Ke3 61.Re8+ Kf3 62.Ra8 Kg4 63.Ra3 Rf5+ 64.Ke6 Rf4 65.Ra5 Rf3 66.Ra4+ Kg3 67.Ra5 Kf2 68.Rb5 Ke3 69.Rd5 Rf2 70.Rd6 Kf3 71.Kd7 Re2 72.Rc6 Re3 73.Rf6+ Ke2 74.Rd6 Rd3 75.Ke6 Rxd6+ 76.Kxd6 ½-½ (76) lanchester1 (2826)-Romance2004 (2550) Blitz 2022;

B) 7.Qf2 dxe4 8.d3 Bc5 9.Be3 Nxc2+ 10.Qxc2 Bxe3 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxe4 Bb6 13.Qxb7 0-0 14.Nf3 Rb8 15.Qe4 Qe7 16.a3 a5 17.d4 Rfe8 18.Bd3 g6 19.0-0 Rbd8 20.Kh1 Be6 21.Qf4 Rf8 22.Rae1 Rd7 23.Qh6 f5 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Bc4 Qf7 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.h3 c6 28.Ng5 Qxf1+ 29.Bxf1 Re8 30.Bc4+ Kh8 31.Nf7+ Rxf7 32.Bxf7 Rd8 33.Qf4 Kg7 34.Bc4 Rf8 35.Qe5+ Rf6 36.Qe7+ Kh6 37.Qxf6 Bxd4 38.Qxd4 g5 39.Qf6+ Kh5 40.Be2+ Kh4 41.Qf2# 1-0 (41) Grukjr (2705)-LUDVIG_CARLSSON (2578) Blitz 2021;

C) or oder 7.Qf4 dxe4 8.Bc4 Bf5 9.c3 g5!-+ Boros-Lilienthal, Budapest 1933 Schussler: '!' Lukacs,Peter: '!' 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.Qf2 e3! was good for Black in Boros-Lilienthal, Budapest 1933 12.Qf1 exd2+-+ Boros-Lilienthal, Budapest 1933;

D) 7.Qd1 dxe4

D1) 8.c3 Nc6

D1a) 9.d4 exd3 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Bxd3 Bc5 *(11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxe5 13.Bb5+ c6 14.Qe4 cxb5 15.Qxe5+ Qe7 16.Bf4 Qxe5+ 17.Bxe5 f6 18.Bf4 0-0-0 19.Rd1 Bc5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Ke2 Re8+ 22.Kd3 Kd7 23.Rf1 Kc6*

24.Bd2 a5 25.h4 Rd8+ 26.Kc2 h5 27.Rf5 Rd5 28.Rf3 Bd6 29.b3 Re5 30.Kd3 Rd5+ 31.Kc2 a4 32.Be3 Re5 33.Kd3 Bc5 34.Bd2 Rd5+ 35.Kc2 Re5 36.Rg3 Bf8 37.Kd3 Rd5+ 38.Ke2 axb3 39.axb3 Re5+ 40.Kd3 Rf5 41.Be3 Rd5+ 42.Ke4 Re5+ 43.Kd3 Re7 44.Rf3 Rd7+ 45.Ke2 Bd6 46.Rf5 Be5 47.Rxh5 Kd6 48.Bd2 Ke6 49.Rh8 Kf5 50.Rc8 Kg4 51.Rc5 Kxh4 52.Rxb5 Kg3 53.c4 Kxg2 54.c5 Re7 55.Kd3 g5 56.Rb6 g4 57.Bb4 Rd7+ 58.Ke4 g3 59.Be1 Kf1 60.Bxg3 Bxg3 61.Rxf6+ Ke2 62.b4 Bf2 63.Rb6 Be1 64.b5 Bf2 65.c6 Bxb6 66.cxd7 Bd8 67.Kd5 Kd3 68.Ke6 Kc4 69.Kf7 Kxb5 70.Ke8 Bc7 71.Ke7 Kc6 72.Ke8 b5 73.Ke7 b4 74.d8Q Bxd8+ 75.Kxd8 b3 76.Ke7 b2 77.Ke8 b1Q 78.Ke7 Qe4+ 79.Kd8 Qe5 80.Kc8 Qc7#
0-1 (80) lanchester1 (2703)-MR_HW (2621) Blitz 2023*)*
12.Qe2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 0-0-0 15.Kc2 Rhe8 16.f4 Kb8 17.Be4 f6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Bd2 fxe5 20.fxe5 Bd6 21.e6 Qf6 22.Rae1 Qg6+ 23.Qe4 Rxe6 24.Qxg6 Rxg6 25.h4 Rg2 26.Re2 Rxe2 0-1 (26) Think_Fast_Move_Fast (2762)-rob188 (2654) Blitz 2023;

D1b) 9.Qa4 Qd5 *(9...Bf5 10.Bb5 Qd5 11.Ne2 0-0-0 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 13.Qxc6 bxc6 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.0-0 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Rhe8 17.Re1 Bf2 18.Re2 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Rxe5 20.d4 Re6 21.b4 Rd5 22.a4 h6 23.Kg1 Bh5 24.Re1 f5 25.Be3 g5 26.Rf1 Bg4 27.Kf2 Rd7 28.Rh1 Kd8 29.Rxh6 Rxh6 30.Bxg5+ Kc8 31.Bxh6 Rh7 32.Rh1 Kb7 33.Rh4 Kc8 34.Bd2 Rf7 35.Ke3 Kd7 36.Kf4 Ke6 37.c4 Rd7 38.Rh6+ Kf7 39.Rxc6 Rxd4 40.Rxc7+ Ke6 41.Be3 Rd1 42.Rc6+ Kd7 43.Ra6 Rf1+ 44.Ke5 Re1 45.Bc5 e3 46.Rxa7+ Kc8 47.Kd6 e2 48.Kc6 Kb8 49.Rb7+ Kc8 50.Rc7+ Kd8 51.Rd7+ Ke8 52.Re7+ Kd8 53.Re5 Rd1 54.Bb6+ Kc8 55.Re8+ Rd8 56.Rxd8#*
1-0 (56) Rivuza (2749)-FantasyLife (2662) Blitz 2022*)*
10.d4 exd3 11.Nf3 Bf5 12.Be3 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0-0 Qe3+ 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.Ka1 Kb8 17.Re1 Qf2 18.Qd1 Rhe8 19.h3 h5 20.Rg1 f6 21.g4 hxg4 22.hxg4 Bg6 23.Rg2 Qc5 24.e6 Qd6 25.Rd2 Rxe6 26.Rxe6 Qxe6 27.Bxd3 Bxd3 28.Rxd3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 a6 30.Qf5 Qd6 31.a3 Ne7 32.Qe4 Qd1+ 33.Ka2 Qd5+ 34.Qxd5 Nxd5 35.Nd4 Ne3 36.Ne6 Nxg4 37.Nxg7 Kc8 38.Kb3 Kd7 39.Kc4 Ne3+ 40.Kd3 Nd5 41.Ke4 Nb6 42.b3 a5 43.a4 Ke7 44.Nf5+ Ke6 45.Nd4+ Kd7 46.Nb5 c6 47.Nd4 Kd6 48.Nf5+ Kc7 49.Ng7 Nd7 50.Ne8+ Kd8

51.Nd6 Kc7 52.Nf5 Nc5+ 53.Kd4 Nxb3+ 54.Kc4 Nd2+ 55.Kd3 Nf3 56.Nd4 Nxd4 57.Kxd4 Kd6 58.Ke4 b5 59.c4 bxa4 60.Kd4 c5+ 61.Kc3 Kc6 62.Kb2 f5 63.Ka3 f4 64.Kb2 f3 65.Ka3 f2 66.Kb2 f1Q 67.Ka3 Qf3+ 68.Kb2 Qf4 69.Ka3 Qd4 70.Ka2 Qd3 71.Kb2 Qb3+ 72.Kc1 Qxc4+ 73.Kd1 Qb4 0-1 (73) Rivuza (2776)-Johndebayonne (2693) Blitz 2022;

D2) 8.d3 Bc5 9.c3 Nf5 10.d4 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 0-0 12.Qe1 e3+ 13.Kd1 Qe4 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.Bc4 Bxd4 16.Bxf7+ Kh8 17.Ke2 Bb6 18.Kf1 Qd3+ 19.Qe2 Qe4 20.Bb3 Bd7 21.Bc2 Qg4 22.a4 a5 23.Kg1 Bc6 24.Bxf5 Qxf5 25.Bxe3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Qg5+ 27.Kf2 Bxe3+ 0-1 (27) Polyclinical (2840)-QuCq (2698) Blitz 2023]

7.Qxe4 g6

[7...Qd4

A) 8.Qxd4 Nxd4 9.Bd3

A1) 9...Bd7 10.c3 Nc6 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.Be4 Re8 13.d4 f6 14.0-0 fxe5 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Nxe5 Bb5 17.c4 Ba6 18.b3 Bd6 19.Nf7 Rhf8 20.Nxd6+ cxd6 21.Rxf8 Rxf8 22.Be3 *(22.Ba3 Kd7 23.Re1 Rf4 24.d5 b5 25.Re6 Rf6 26.c5 Rxe6 27.dxe6+ Kxe6 28.cxd6 Bb7 29.Bc5 a5 30.a3 Bd5 31.b4 axb4 32.Bxb4 g5 33.g3 g4 34.Kf2 Bc6 35.Ke3 Ke5 36.Kd3 Kd5 37.Kc3 h5 38.Kd3 Bd7 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Bc5 Kd5 41.Bb4 Ke5 42.Kd3 Bf5+ 43.Kc3 Kd5 44.Kb3 Be6 45.a4 Kc6+ 46.Ka3 bxa4 47.Kxa4 Kd7 48.Kb5 Bf5 49.Kc5 Be4 50.Kd4 Bg2 51.Ke5 Bh3 52.Kf6 Bg2 53.Kg5 Bh3 54.Kxh5 Ke6 55.Kg5 Kd7 56.Kf4 Ke6 57.Ke3 Kd7 58.Kf2 Ke6 59.Ke2 Kd7 60.Kd3 Ke6 61.Kd4 Kd7 62.Kc5 Bg2 63.Bd2 Bh3 64.Bf4 Bg2 65.Kd4 Bh3 66.Ke5 Bg2 67.Kf6 Bh3 68.Kf5 Ke8 69.Ke6 Bf1 70.d7+* 1-0 (70) WorldChessPoker (2719)-Parwis (2585) Blitz 2021*)* 22...Kd7 23.a4 Re8 24.Kf2 Rf8+ 25.Ke2 d5 26.Kd3 Re8 27.Bf4 Rc8 28.Rc1 g6 29.Be5 b6 30.g3 Rc6 31.Rc3 Rc8 32.h4 Ke6 33.Bf4 Kd7 34.Rc2 Rc6 35.Be5 Rc8 36.Kc3 dxc4 37.b4 Ke6 38.Rf2 Kd5 39.Rf7 Ra8 40.Rxh7 b5 41.Rd7+ Ke4 42.Rd6 Bc8 43.axb5 Bf5 44.Kxc4 Rc8+ 45.Rc6 Bd7 46.Rxc8 Bxc8 47.Kc5 Bb7 48.Bf4 Bc8 49.Bb8 a6 50.bxa6 Bxa6 51.b5 Bb7 52.b6 Bd5 53.Be5 Bb7 54.Kd6 Ba6 55.Kc7 Kd5 56.b7 Bxb7 57.Kxb7 Ke6 58.Kc6 1-0 (58) WorldChessPoker (2733)-Parwis (2571) Blitz 2021;

A2) 9...Bc5 10.c3 Nc6 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.d4 Be7 14.Nf3 f6 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Re1 c5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.dxc5 Rab8 19.Nd4 Bh4 20.g3 Bf6 21.b4 Bc4 22.Bf4 Rbc8 23.a3 Kf7 24.Be5 Bg5 25.h4 Bd2 26.Red1 Bxc3 27.Rac1 Bxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Be6 29.Rf1+ Kg8 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.c6 Kf7 32.b5 a6 33.bxa6 Ra8 34.Rf4+ Kg8

35.Ra4 Bd5 36.Bxc7 Bxc6 37.Ra5 Kf7 38.a7 Ke6 39.Bb8 Kd7 40.Kf2 g6 41.Ke3 h5 42.Kf4 Ke8 43.Kg5 Kf7 44.Rc5 Be4 45.Rc7+ Ke6 46.Rg7 1-0 (46) WorldChessPoker (2707)-Swordoftheword16 (2652) Blitz 2021;

A3) 9...Bg4 10.c3 Ne6 *(10...Nc6 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.d4 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Bd6 17.Kf2 Kf7 18.Be3 a5 19.b3 a4 20.b4 Rhg8 21.Rag1 Rg6 22.Rg4 Rag8 23.h3 h5 24.Rxg6 Rxg6 25.Rg1 Rxg1 26.Kxg1 Ke6 27.c4 Bxb4 28.Kf2 Bf8 29.Kg3 Kf5 30.Kh4 Kg6 31.Kg3 Bb4 32.Kf4 Bd6+ 33.Ke4 f5+ 34.Kd3 Bg3 35.d5 cxd5 36.cxd5 Bd6 37.Kc4 Kf6 38.f4 Ke7 39.Bc1 Kd7 40.Kb5 a3 41.Bd2 Be7 42.Bb4 Bxb4 43.Kxb4 h4 44.Kxa3 Kd6 45.Kb4 Kxd5 46.a4 Kc6 47.Kc4 Kb6 48.Kd5 Ka5 49.Kc6 Kxa4 50.Kxc7 Kb5 51.Kd6 Kc4 52.Ke5 Kc5 53.Kxf5 Kd5 54.Kg4 Ke6 55.Kxh4 Kf6 56.Kg3 Kg7 57.h4 Kh8 58.Kg4 Kg7 59.Kg5 Kh8 60.h5 Kg7 61.f5 Kh8 62.Kf6 Kg8 63.Ke7 Kh8 64.f6 Kg8 65.f7+ Kh7 66.h6 Kh8 67.f8Q+ Kh7 68.Qg7#* 1-0 (68) Ellaijio (2713)-InvisibleGuest2023 (2829) Blitz 2024 *)* 11.Bc2 c5 12.Be4 0-0-0 13.d3 f6 14.exf6 c4 15.h3 Bh5 16.Bf5 Bf7 17.Nf3 cxd3 18.Ng5 Rd5 19.Nxe6 Re5+ 20.Kd2 Bxe6 21.Bxe6+ Rxe6 22.Kxd3 Rxf6 23.Be3 b6 24.Rhf1 Be7 25.Rxf6 Bxf6 26.Bd4 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Rf8 28.Re1 Kd7 29.Re4 Rf2 30.Re2 Rf7 31.b4 g6 32.b5 Rf5 33.a4 a6 34.Kc4 a5 35.Re5 Rxe5 36.dxe5 Ke6 37.Kd4 g5 38.g4 h6 39.Ke4 1-0 (39) Violet_Pride (2773)-imsorrycheckmate (2551) Blitz 2022;

B) 8.Bd3 Qxe5 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Bxe4 Be6 11.d4 0-0-0 12.c3 h6 13.Kf2 f5 14.Bc2 g6 15.h4 Bg7 16.Bf4 Rhe8 17.Rhe1 Kb8 18.Bb3 Bxb3 19.axb3 a6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Re1 Rxe1 22.Kxe1 Kc8 23.Ke2 Kd7 24.Kd3 Ne7 25.c4 Nc6 26.Bd2 Nd8 27.d5 Nf7 28.Bc3 Bxc3 29.bxc3 Kd6 30.Nd4 Ne5+ 31.Ke3 c5 32.dxc6 bxc6 33.c5+ Kxc5 34.h5 gxh5 35.Nxf5 Kd5 36.Nxh6 c5 37.c4+ Nxc4+ 38.bxc4+ Kxc4 39.Nf5 Kc3 40.Ng7 a5 41.Nxh5 a4 42.Nf6 a3 43.Ne4+ Kc2 44.Nxc5 a2 45.Ne4 a1Q 46.g4 Qg7 47.g5 Qg6 48.Kf4 Kd3 49.Ng3 Kd4 50.Nf5+ Kd3 51.Ng3 Qf7+ 52.Nf5 Qh5 53.Nh6 Qg6 54.Ng4 Kc4 55.Ne5+ Kd5 56.Nxg6 Ke6 57.Nh4 Kf7 58.Kf5 Kg7 59.g6 Kh6 60.Kf6 Kh5 61.Nf5 1-0 (61) Molt7n (2799)-SuriusPlaya (2639) Blitz 2022]

[7...Be6 8.Nf3 Qd7 9.c3 0-0-0 10.d4 f6 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 h6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 Bd5 16.Qd3 Kb7 17.b4 Rg8 18.Bg3 h5 19.a4 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.b5 c5 22.bxa6+ Ka8 23.Rab1 Rg4 24.Rb2 Rdg8 25.a7 c4 26.Qf5 h4 27.Rb8+ Kxa7 28.Rxg8 Rxg8 29.Nxh4 Rh8 30.g3 Rb8 31.Qxf6 Qa3 32.Qe5 c6 33.Qc7+ Rb7 34.Qa5+ Kb8 35.Qc5 Qxc5 36.dxc5 Rb3 37.Rc1 Kc8 38.Nf5 Kd7 39.Ne3 Ra3 40.Nxd5

cxd5 41.Kf2 Kc6 42.Ke3 Kxc5 43.h4 d4+ 44.Ke4 d3 45.Ke3 Ra2 46.Rg1 Re2+ 47.Kf3 Re8 48.g4 Rf8+ 49.Ke3 Re8+ 50.Kd2 Rf8 51.g5 Rh8 52.Ke3 Rxh4 53.g6 Rh8 54.g7 Rg8 55.Kd2 Re8 56.Rg5+ Kd6 57.g8Q Re2+ 58.Kd1 Re8 59.Qg6+ Re6 60.Qe8 Rxe8 61.Rg6+ Ke5 62.Rg4 Kf5 63.Rd4 Rd8 64.Rxc4 Rc8 65.Rc5+ Rxc5 66.c4 Rxc4 67.Kd2 Rxa4 68.Ke3 Ra3 69.Kd4 Rb3 70.Ke3 Rc3 0-1 (70) WorldChessPoker (2764)-FantasyLife (2823) Blitz 2021]

8.Nf3 Bf5 9.Qa4 a6 10.c3 Bd3 11.Bxd3 Qxd3 12.Qd1 Bg7 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.Qxd3 Rxd3 15.Ke2 Rhd8 16.Rf1 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.b3 f5 19.h3 c5 20.Re1 c4 21.Kd1 R8d5 22.Kc2 Rg3 23.Re2 b5 24.a4 Kb7 25.axb5 axb5 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Ba3 Rb5 28.Bd6 1-0 (28) EleKtRoMaGnIt (2880)-MothAndTheFlame (2809) Blitz 2022

[57] **6...Bd7** Tony Kosten: '!?' Tony Kosten: 'is possible:' 7.Nxe4

[7.Nxd5 Ng5 *(7...Nc5!)* 8.Qe3 *(8.Qe2? Nd4* Seul,G (2374)-Yeletsky, I (2468) Chess. com INT 2021, ß-ß (63).*; 8.Qg3!)* 8...Ne6 9.c3 Bc5 10.d4? Ncxd4! winning, Bodi,T (2324)-Belyakov,B (2444) Chess.com INT 2022, 0-1 (19).]

7...dxe4 8.Qxe4 Qe7 9.Nf3 0-0-0 Tony Kosten: 'with adequate play for the pawn.'

[9...f5 10.Qe2 g5 11.e6 Bxe6 12.Nxg5 Bd5 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.Qxe7 Bxe7 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.0-0 Bc5+ 17.d4 Bxd4+ 18.Nxd4 Rxd4 19.Be3 Rg4 20.g3 h5 21.Bf4 h4 22.Rac1 hxg3 23.hxg3 Rh1+ 24.Kf2 Rh2+ 25.Ke3 Rg8 26.Rfe1 Be4 27.Kd4 b6 28.b4 Rd8+ 29.Kc3 Rd5 30.a4 Kb7 31.Rf1 a5 32.b5 Rc5+ 33.Kd4 Rhxc2 34.Rxc2 Bxc2 35.Ra1 Bb3 36.Ra3 Bd1 37.Kd3 Bf3 38.Kd2 Be4 39.Be3 Rd5+ 40.Ke2 Kc8 41.Bf4 Rc5 42.Ke3 Rc4 43.Be5 Kd7 44.Kf4 Ke6 45.Bc3 Bc2+ 46.Ke3 Bxa4 47.Bd4 Bxb5 48.Ra1 c6 49.Rh1 Kd5 50.Rh5 Rxd4 51.Rxf5+ Kc4 52.Rf1 Rd3+ 53.Ke4 Rd5 54.Rc1+ Kb3 0-1 (54) Elbece (2737)-anhao (2697) Blitz 2022]

10.a4

[10.d4 Qb4+ 11.c3 Qxb5 12.a4 Qc4 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh4 Re8 15.Nd2 Qa6 16.b4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 Nxb4 18.Ra3 fxe5 19.d5 Qb6 20.Bf2 Qd6 21.0-0 Nxd5 22.Nc4 Qe6 23.Na5 b6 24.Nb3 Bc6 25.Rc1 Rhf8 26.Bg3 Nf4 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Nd2 Qxe4 29.Nxe4 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Rf1# 0-1 (30) Romaa2011 (2726)-MiCRaRcL7e (2689) Blitz 2024]

10...Nxe5 11.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 12.Nxe5 Bxb5 13.axb5 Re8 14.d4 f6 15.Rxa7 fxe5 16.Ra8+ Kd7 17.Rxe8 Kxe8 18.dxe5 Kd7 19.Be3 Ke6 20.Bd4 Be7 21.Bc3 Rf8 22.Ke2 Bc5 23.Ra1 Rf2+ 24.Kd3 Rxg2 25.Ra8 Rxh2 26.Re8+ Kd7 27.Rd8+ Kxd8 0-1 (27) uppitywoopity (2820)-Gutemaus2019 (2651) Blitz 2023

6...f5 Lukacs,Peter: '?!' Lukacs,Peter: 'This is an unsuccessful novelty here.' 7.d3 Lukacs,Peter: 'seems to be OK as well:'

[7.Nge2 g6 *(7...Bc5 8.d4 Bb6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Be3±)* 8.Nd4!

A) The "normal" 8...Bd7 would have minimized the demage:

A1) The ambitious 9.e6?! leads nowhere after Nxd4! 10.Bxd7+ *(10.exd7+? Kf7-+)* 10...Ke7 11.Nxd5+ *(11.Qd3 Nxe6)* 11...Kd6 12.Qf4+ Kxd5 13.c4+ *(13.d3 Nxc2+ 14.Kd1 Bd6 15.dxe4+ fxe4 16.Qd2+ Nd4* with a funny mess on the d ⇔! *)* 13...Kxc4 14.d3+ Kd5 15.dxe4+ fxe4 16.Qf7 Bb4+ 17.Kd1 Rf8∓;

A2) 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Ne2± Δ d3 chasing away the centralized ♘.;

B) 8...Qh4+? This "adventureous" move leads to fatal consequences. 9.g3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Qxd4 11.Qxd5 Qxd5 12.Nxd5 Kd8 13.d4+- Δ ♗g5 and Black's position is hopeless. Be6 *(13...h5 14.Bg5++-; 13...Nxd4?? 14.Bg5++-)* 14.Bg5+ Kc8 *(14...Kd7 15.Nf4+-)* 15.Nf4 Bf7 *(15...Nxd4 16.0-0-0+-; 15...Bb4+ 16.c3 Nxd4 17.Nxe6+-)* 16.Bf6 Rg8 17.Rxh7 g5 *(17...Nxd4 18.0-0-0! Bc5 19.Bd7+ Kxd7 20.e6+ Kc6 21.exf7+-)* 18.Rxf7 gxf4 19.gxf4 Bh6 *(19...Nxd4 20.0-0-0+-)* 20.c3 a6 21.Bd3 Rg1+ 22.Bf1 b5 23.Kf2 1-0 (23) Maljutin,E (2451)-Bezgodov,A (2576) Samara 2000 CBM 078 [Lukacs,Peter]]

7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be6

[8...a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qg3 Be6 11.Nf3 Qd7 12.0-0 c5 13.Ng5 h6 14.Qh3 g6 15.d4 c4 16.Rb1 Be7 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Bd2 Kd7 19.Qf3 Kc6 20.a4 Raf8 21.a5 g5 22.Rb2 Ba3 23.Ra2 Be7 24.Rb2 h5 25.Rfb1 f4 26.Rb6+ cxb6 27.Rxb6+ Kd7 28.Rxe6 Kxe6 29.h3 Rb8 30.Qd1 Rb2 31.h4 g4 32.Bxf4 Bxh4 33.g3 Be7 34.Kg2 Rf8 35.Qc1 Rfb8 36.Bg5 Bxg5 37.Qd1 Be7 38.Kf1 Rf8+ 39.Kg1 Rf3 40.Qc1 Ra2 41.Qh6+ Kd7 42.Qxa6 Rxc2 43.Qb7+ Ke6 44.Qc6+ Kf5 45.Qd7+ Ke4 46.Qxe7 Rd3 47.Qh7+ Ke3 48.Qh6+ Ke2 49.Qf4 Kd1 50.Qf1+ Kd2 51.e6 Re3 52.e7 1-0 (52) Aborigen100500 (2727)-Renier07 (2745) Blitz 2022]

[8...Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Nh3 Na5 11.Bd3 c6 12.0-0 g6 13.Bh6 Rf7 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Bg5 Nc4 16.Rae1 b5 17.Qh4 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Qe7 19.Qh6 Rg7 20.g4 Rf8 21.Kh1 Nb2 22.Nxe6 Nxd3 23.gxf5 Nxe1 24.f6 Qf7 25.Ng5 Nxc2 26.Nxf7 Rgxf7 27.Qc1 Rxf6 1-0 (27) klorp27 (2717)-littleplotkin (2724) Blitz 2023]

9.Ne2

[There is no need to hurry with 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne2 Be7 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.0-0 0-0]

9...a6

[9...Qd7 10.0-0 a6 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.Be3±]

10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.0-0 g6 13.Bg5 Bg7 14.Bf6 Bxf6 15.exf6 0-0 16.Rae1 Rxf6 17.Re5 Re8 18.Rfe1 Bf7 19.Qe3 Rxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd6 21.Qe7 c5 22.Nb3 Re6 23.Rxe6 Bxe6 24.Qe8+ Kg7 25.Qb8 Qe5 26.Kf1 Qf4+ 27.Ke2 Qg4+ 28.Kf2 Qh4+ 29.Kf1 Qf4+ 30.Ke2 d4 31.cxd4 cxd4 32.Nc5 Qe5+ 33.Kd1 Qxc5 34.Qe8 Bf7 35.Qa4 Qe5 36.Qxa6 Qxh2 37.Qc6 Qg1+ 38.Kd2 Qe3+ 39.Kd1 g5 40.c4 Qxd3+ 41.Kc1 Qc3+ 42.Kd1 Qd3+ 43.Kc1 Qxc4+ 44.Qxc4 Bxc4 45.a4 Kf6 46.a5 Ke5 47.Kd2 Ba6 48.g3 c5 49.Kc2 g4 50.Kb2 c4 51.Ka3 Kd5 52.Kb4 d3 53.Kc3 Kc5

54.Kd2 Kd4 55.Kc1 c3 56.Kd1 Ke3 57.Kc1 d2+ 58.Kc2 Ke2 59.Kxc3 d1Q 60.Kb4 Qd4+ 61.Kb3 Kd3 62.Ka2 Qc4+ 63.Kb1 Qc2+ 64.Ka1 Qd2 65.Kb1 Kc3 66.Ka1 Qb2# 0-1 (66) CaptainJackSparrow71 (2806)-Gutemaus2019 (2729) Blitz 2022

6...Bc5 7.Nge2 [7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nf3 *(10.Ne2 Ba6 11.d3 Re8 12.Bf4 Rb8 13.0-0-0 Qd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5 15.Nc3 c6 16.Na4 Bd4 17.c3 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Rhe1 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Kf8 22.b4 Bf5 23.Kd2 g5 24.Rf1 Bc8 25.Rf6 Rb6 26.a4 Be6 27.Nxe6+ Ke7 28.Rh6 fxe6 29.Rxh7+ Kd6 30.Rxa7 c5 31.a5 Rb8 32.Ra6+ Kd7 33.bxc5 Rb2+ 34.Ke3 Rxg2 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.h3 Rg3+ 37.Kd4 Rxh3 38.a6 Rh1 39.Rb6 Ra1 40.Rb7+ Kf6 41.a7 g4 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.d4+ Kf5 44.c6* 1-0 (44) Only-Moves (2715)-Sergeiaza (2681) Blitz 2020*)* 10...Bb6 *(10...Be6 11.d4 Bd5 12.Qf4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qxd4 14.Qxd4 Bxd4 15.f4 f6 16.c3 Bc5 17.e6 f5 18.Kd1 Rae8 19.Re1 Rf6 20.Be3 Bb6 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Kc2 Rfxe6 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Kd3 Kf7 25.a4 Re4 26.b4 Ke6 27.a5 bxa5 28.bxa5 Kd6 29.a6 Re8 30.Kc4 Re4+ 31.Kd3 Re8 32.a7 Ra8 33.Kc4 g6 34.h4 Ke6 35.Kc5 Kd7 36.c4 h6 37.Ra2* 1-0 (37) Jamorris94 (2746)-schekachikhinmaksim (2665) Blitz 2023*; 10...Re8 11.d4 Bb6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Ng5 f5 14.Nxe6 Rxe6 15.Qxf5 Qd5 16.0-0 Rg6 17.Qf3 Bxd4 18.Qxd5+* 1-0 (18) Qay13 (2719)-Gutemaus2019 (2718) Blitz 2022 *)* 11.d4 Ba6 12.Be3 f6 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Rhe1 Qe6 15.Kb1 Bc4 16.b3 Bd5 17.Qd3 f5 18.Ng5 Qg6 19.c4 Bxg2 20.Rg1 Qxg5 21.Bxg5 Be4 22.Qxe4 fxe4 23.Rge1 Rf2 24.Rxe4 Rxh2 25.e6 Re8 26.b4 a5 27.c5 Ba7 28.bxa5 h6 29.Bc1 g5 30.e7 Rf2 31.Re6 Kg7 32.Rde1 Rf7 33.Kc2 Rf2+ 34.Kd3 Rf3+ 35.Kc4 Rf7 36.Bb2 Kh7 37.Rh1 Rfxe7 38.Rhxh6+ Kg7 39.d5+ Kg8 40.Rh8+ Kf7 41.Rf6+ Kg7 42.Rfh6+ Kf7 43.Rf6+ Kg7 44.Rxe8 Rxe8 45.Re6+ Kf7 46.Rxe8 Kxe8 47.dxc6 g4 48.Be5 Kd8 49.Bg3 Kc8 50.Kb5 Kd8 51.Bf2 Kc8 52.Ka6 g3 53.Bxg3 Bxc5 54.Kb5 Bd4 55.Bf4 Be3 56.Bxe3 Kb8 57.Bc5 Ka8 58.Bb6 Kb8 59.Kc5 Ka8 60.Kd5 Kb8 61.Bxc7+ Ka8 62.Ke6 Ka7 63.Kd7 Ka6 64.Bb6 Kb5 65.c7 Ka4 66.c8Q Ka3 67.Qc6 Kb2 68.Qd5 Kb1 69.Bc5 Kb2 ½-½ (69) Rivuza (2757)-sjakk98765 (2708) Blitz 2022]

7...0-0 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.d4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.0-0 c5 12.Nf4 c6 13.Nh5 Kh8 14.Qg3 g6 15.Nf6 Be6 16.Qh4 Bxf6 17.exf6 cxd4 18.Rf4 dxc3 19.Qh6 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 1-0 (20) littleplotkin (2774)-kacper05 (2643) Blitz 2021

6...Be6 7.Nge2 Qh4+ 8.g3 Ng5 9.Qf4 Qh5 10.d4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Bf5 g6 15.g4 Qh3 16.Ng3 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Qxc7 gxf5 19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.Rhg1 Bxc2 21.Rdf1 Bg6 22.Rf2 Nd3+ 23.Kd2 Nxf2 24.Bxf2 Nf3+ 25.Kd1 Nxg1 26.Bxg1 Qg2 27.Be3 Rae8 0-1 (27) smihir6 (2724)-flamingbishop (2885) Blitz 2024

6...Be7 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 0-0 9.Nf3 Be6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Bd5 12.Qe2 Re8 13.b3 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Bxf3

15.Rxf3 Qd4 0-1 (15) onlycatalan (2702)-daro94 (2850) Blitz 2023

[58] Schussler: 'or' **7.dxc3** Die Hauptvariante 7.dxc3 punktet besser als 7.bxc3.Lukacs,Peter: 'helps for development, but ruins the ♙ structure.' 7...Be6

[Lukacs,Peter: 'or simply' 7...Qh4+ 8.g3

A) 8...Qe4+ Tony Kosten: 'By far the most common.'

A1) 9.Be3 Tony Kosten: 'is rare,'

A1a) 9...Qxf3 10.Nxf3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Nxe5 12.Rxd5 *(12.Nxe5 Bxb5 13.Rxd5 Ba6 14.Re1 Bd6 15.Bc5 0-0 16.Bxd6 cxd6 17.Rxd6 Rae8 18.Rdd1 Re6 19.Nd7 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.Nc5 Kf8 22.Nxa6 bxa6 23.Re5 Rc6 24.Kd2 f6 25.Ra5 Kf7 26.Kd3 g5 27.c4 Kg6 28.b4 f5 29.b5 axb5 30.cxb5 Rc7 31.c4 Rd7+ 32.Ke3 Rc7 33.Ra6+ Kh5 34.Rc6 Re7+ 35.Kf3 h6 36.h3 Re1 37.g4+* 1-0 (37) TheButcherMio (2708)-kichot78 (2559) Blitz 2021 *)* 12...Bd6 13.Nxe5 Bxb5 14.Rxb5 c6 15.Rxb7 Bxe5 16.Bc5 f6 17.Rxg7 0-0-0 18.Rxa7 Rhe8 19.Rd1 Bb8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rxh7 f5 22.b4 f4 23.gxf4 Bxf4+ 24.Kb2 Rd2 25.h3 Rh2 26.a4 Be5 27.Bd4 1-0 (27) klorp27 (2737)-Hirschman2104 (2603) Blitz 2023;

A1b) 9...Qxc2 Tony Kosten: '!?' 10.Ne2 Qxb2 *(10...Qe4* looks a bit greedy, but is probably just good, *11.Qxe4 dxe4 12.Nd4* Berube,M (1952)-Eaton,G Belgrade 2022, ß-ß (71), *Bc5!?)* 11.0-0 Qxb5 12.Qxf7+ Kd8 13.Nd4 Qc5 14.Nxc6+ bxc6 15.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 16.Kg2 Ba6 17.Rf3 Be2 18.Rf4 Kc8 19.Qxg7 Kb7 20.Rb1+ Bb6 21.a4 a5 22.Rf7 Rhc8 23.e6 Bd3 24.Rxb6+ 1-0 (24) klorp27 (2731)-Artusha29 (2687) Blitz 2023;

A1c) 9...Bf5 10.Bd3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Bg4 *(11...Be4!?)* 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.Rd1 Be7 14.0-0 Rhe8 15.Bb5 a6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.b4 f6! Schrader,E-Lasker,E Cincinnati 1919, 0-1 (57).;

A1d) 9...Bd7 10.0-0-0 Nxe5 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Rxd5 Qxf3 13.Nxf3 Bd6 ½-½ (13) INotSadJustWantToDie (2821)-jasardo20043 (2824) Blitz 2022;

A2) 9.Qxe4 dxe4 Lukacs,Peter: '='

A2a) Breutigam,Martin: 'Usually' Breutigam,Martin: 'Meistens ist' 10.Bxc6+ Tony Kosten: 'It seems natural to take now and wreck the black queenside structure.' Breutigam,Martin: 'has been played (so as not to give Black a chance to play ... ♗d7). But without a direct counterpart, Black's light-squared bishop could soon become the "boss" of the board, e.g.'Breutigam, Martin: 'gespielt worden (um Schwarz keine Gelegenheit zu

...♗d7 zu geben). Aber der weißfeldrige Läufer von Schwarz könnte ohne direkten Gegenspieler bald zum "Chef" auf dem Brett werden, z.B.' bxc6

A2a1) 11.Be3

A2a11) 11...Be7 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Nd4 Kd7 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bg6 16.0-0-0 c5 17.Nf5+ Ke6 18.Nxg7+ Kxe5 19.Rhf1 Bd6 20.g5 Rhg8 21.Bf4# 1-0 (21) Rikikits (2775)-silence404 (2869) Blitz 2024;

A2a12) 11...Be6 12.Ne2 Be7 13.Nd4 Bd5 14.b3 Bc5 15.c4 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Be6 17.Bc5 f5 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Rf1 f5 20.Ke2 a6 21.Ke3 Kf7 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.Bd4 Rhg8 24.Be5 h5 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bxc7 Rd7 27.Bf4 Kg6 28.c5 Rd5 29.Bd6 Kg5 30.a4 Bf7 31.h3 Be6 32.b4 Bd7 33.Rf2 Rd1 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Kxd2 h4 36.Ke3 hxg3 37.Bxg3 Be8 38.c4 Bd7 39.Be1 Be8 40.b5 cxb5 41.cxb5 axb5 42.a5 Bc6 43.a6 f4+ 44.Kd4 e3 45.a7 Kf5 46.Kd3 Ke5 47.Bh4 b4 48.Kc4 f3 49.Kd3 f2 50.Bg3+ Kd5 51.Ke2 Ke4 0-1 (51) Rikikits (2773)-ninjator (2474) Blitz 2024;

A2a13) 11...Bg4 12.Ne2 h5 *(12...c5 13.h3 Bf3 14.Rh2 0-0-0 15.Ng1 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ne2 h5 18.g5 Re8 19.Bf4 h4 20.0-0-0 Bh5 21.c4 Be7 22.Rd2 f6 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Be3 Rhg8 26.Nf4 Bf3 27.Nd5 Bd4 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Rxd4 Rg1+ 30.Kd2 c5 31.Rxe4 Rxe4 32.Kc3 Re2 33.Rxe2 Bxe2 34.b4 Rg3+ 35.Kd2 Bxc4 36.Ne7+ Kd7 37.Nf5 Rxh3 38.bxc5 Rh2+ 39.Ke3 h3 40.c6+ Kxc6 41.Nd4+ Kd5 42.Nf3 Rxc2 43.Kf4 Rf2 44.Kg3 Rxf3+ 45.Kxf3 Bf1 46.Kg3 Kc4 47.Kh2 a5 48.a4 Kb4 49.Kg3 Kxa4 50.Kh2 Kb4 51.Kg3 a4 52.Kh2 a3 53.Kg3 a2 54.Kh2 a1Q 55.Kg1 Qg7+ 56.Kh2 Qg2#* 0-1 (56) Artoo (2725)-Fantastic_power06 (2675) Blitz 2021*)* 13.h3 Bf3 14.Rg1 0-0-0 15.Nd4 Bc5 16.Kf2 Rhe8 17.b4 Bb6 18.a4 Rxe5 19.a5 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Rf5 21.Ke3 a6 22.Bxg7 c5 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Rfd5 25.c4 Rd2 26.b5 Kb7 27.Be5 Rxc2 28.bxa6+ Kxa6 29.Bxc7 Rd3+ 30.Kf4 Rxc4 31.Rgb1 Rb4 32.Rc1 c4 33.Be5 Rd5 34.Bf6 Rd7 35.g5 Be2 36.Rh1 Rb5 37.Rh8 Ka7 38.a6 Bd3 39.Ke3 Rc7 40.Bd4+

Rbc5 41.Rf8 c3 42.Bxc5+ Rxc5 43.Rxf7+ Ka8 44.a7 Rc8 45.g6 c2 46.g7 Bc4 47.Rf8 1-0 (47) Nakamura,H (2768)-Paravyan,D (2586) chess.com INT 2022;

A2a14) 11...c5 12.Ne2 a5 13.0-0-0 a4 14.Nf4 Be7 15.Nd5 Ra7 16.Nxe7 Ra6 17.Nxc8 Ra5 1-0 (17) Rikikits (2702)-qaryazd17920pq0 (2754) Blitz 2022;

A2a15) 11...a5 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.a3 Rd8 14.Ne2 Rxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Be7 16.Nd4 Bd5 17.c4 Bxc4 18.Nxc6 Bb5 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.Rd5 c6 21.Rd4 Ke6 22.Rxe4 Rd8 23.b3 Be2 24.Bb6 Rd1+ 25.Kb2 Bf3 26.Re3 Bg4 27.Bxa5 Bf5 28.Bc3 Rh1 29.h4 Rh2 30.b4 Bxc2 31.Bd4 Ba4+ 32.Kc3 Ra2 33.Kd3 Rxa3+ 34.Ke4 Bc2+ 35.Kf4 Rxe3 36.Bxe3 h5 37.Bc5 ½-½ (37) Felix_Kuznetsov (2701)-Poirot_Hercule (2757) Blitz 2024;

A2a16) 11...h5

A2a161) 12.h3 g6! *(12...Be6 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.Nd4* is equal, Seul,G (2377)-Shkapenko,P (2424) Chess.com INT 2022, 0-1 (43). *)* 13.0-0-0 *(13.Ne2 Bg7 14.Bf4* Chiu,I (2191) -Oberoi,S (2101) Dulles 2020, 1-0 (49), *0-0* and ...Re8 to take the white e-pawn.*)* 13...Bg7 again, ...0-0 and ...Re8 are coming, Karpanov,V (2223) -Jean,P (2284) ICCF email 2017, 0-1 (49).;

A2a162) 12.h4 Bg4 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.Rf1 Be6 15.Rf4 Bd5 16.b3 Re8 17.c4 Be6 18.Bd4 g6 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Re3 Bxc2 21.Kd2 Bf5 22.c5 Rd8 23.Kc3 Bh6 24.Nf4 Rhe8 25.Rae1 Rd7 26.Kc4 Red8 27.Bc3 a5 28.Bxa5 Rd4+ 29.Kc3 Rd2 30.R1e2 Rd1 31.Kb2 Rb1+ 32.Ka3 Kb7 33.b4 Ra8 34.Rb3 Rd1 35.Rc3 Rb1 36.Rb2 Rg1 37.Kb3 Rd8 38.Rf2 Rdd1 39.Kb2 Rb1+ 40.Ka3 Ra1 41.Rb3 Rgd1 42.b5 cxb5 43.Rxb5+ Kc6 44.Rfb2 Rd8 45.Rb7 Rc8 46.Ra7 Bf8 47.Bb4 Kb5 48.Ra5+ Kc6 49.Ne2 Kd7 50.Nd4 Ke8 51.c6 Be6 52.Bxf8 Kxf8 53.Nxe6+ fxe6 54.Rf2+ Ke7 55.Rf6 Ke8 56.Ra7 Rd1 57.Rxg6 Rd3+ 58.Kb4 Rd4+ 59.Kc3 Kf7 60.Rf6+ Ke7 61.Rf5

Rcd8 62.Rf6 R8d5 63.Rxc7+ Ke8 64.Rd7 Rd3+ 65.Kc4 R5d4+ 0-1 (65) BIZOO (2790)-treqoiazer (2771) Blitz 2022;

A2a2) 11.Ne2

A2a21) 11...Ba6 12.Kf2 0-0-0 13.Bg5 Bc5+ 14.Nd4 Rd5 15.Be3 Rxe5 16.Rhe1 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Rf5+ 18.Kg1 h5 19.Bf4 g5 20.Bd2 h4 21.g4 Rd5 22.Rxe4 c5 23.Bc3 cxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.Bxd4 Re8 26.Bf6 Re2 27.h3 Re3 28.Kh2 Re2+ 29.Kg1 Re3 30.Kg2 Rg3+ 31.Kh2 Bb7 32.Rf1 Rg2+ 33.Kh1 Rxg4+ 34.Kh2 Rg2+ 35.Kh1 Rxc2+ 36.Kg1 Rg2+ 37.Kh1 Rxb2+ 38.Kg1 Rg2+ 39.Kh1 Rxa2+ 40.Kg1 Rg2+ 41.Kh1 Rg3+ 42.Kh2 Bg2 43.Rf2 Bxh3 44.Bxg5 Rxg5 45.Kxh3 Rg7 46.Kxh4 Kb7 47.Kh5 Rg6 48.Rxf7 Rb6 49.Kg5 a5 50.Kf4 Ka6 51.Ke3 c6 52.Kd3 Kb5 53.Kc3 Ka6 54.Rf8 Rb5 55.Ra8+ Kb6 56.Rb8+ Kc5 57.Rf8 Kb6 58.Rf5 Rc5+ 59.Rxc5 Kxc5 60.Kb3 Kb5 61.Ka3 c5 62.Kb3 a4+ 63.Kc2 c4 64.Kb1 Kc5 65.Kc2 Kb4 0-1 (65) Rivuza (2783)-anhao (2720) Blitz 2022;

A2a22) 11...h5 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 14.0-0-0 Bg4 15.Rhe1 h4 16.Rd4 hxg3 17.hxg3 Bf3 18.Nf4 Rh2 19.Rdxe4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Rah8 21.Rc4 Rf2 22.b3 Rhh2 23.Kb2 Rxc2+ 24.Ka3 a5 0-1 (24) tinymonster (2747)-turtlechess55 (2624) Blitz 2021;

A2a23) 11...c5 A fine positional move, controlling d4, but Black has plenty of alternatives that are just as good:

A2a231) 12.c4 Bg4 *(12...Bh3!?)* 13.Nc3 0-0-0 14.0-0 Bf3 15.Bg5 f6!? *(15...Rd4 16.b3 g6)* 16.exf6 h6 17.Rxf3 *(17.fxg7 Bxg7 18.Bxd8* is answered by *Bd4+ 19.Rf2 Rxd8)* 17...exf3 18.fxg7 Bxg7 19.Bxd8 Swanson,S (2225)-Manley,J (2156) Hinckley Island 2008, 1-0 (43), Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Rxd8 21.Rf1 Re8 equal.;

A2a232) 12.Rf1!? A new move, ready to play Rf4. 12...Be7 13.c4 Freeing the c3-square for the knight. f5?! This is mistaken, rather than block his bishop Black should keep the position fluid and try to exploit his light-squared control, e.

g. *(13...Bg4 14.Rf4 h5 15.Rxe4 0-0-0* or*; 13...h5 14.Nc3 h4)* 14.exf6? *(* White should be happy to keep the position closed. *14.Be3 Be6 15.b3 Rd8 16.h4* followed by Nf4 and Rd1is nice for White. *)* 14...Bxf6 15.Nc3 Bxc3+ Heading for a drawish opposite-colour bishop ending, but Black could try for more. *(15...Bh3 16.Rf4 0-0-0* say, and if *17.Rxe4? Rhe8 18.Re3 Bd4 19.Rxe8 Rxe8+ 20.Kd1 Bg4+ 21.Kd2 Bf2* Black threatens ... Be1+ and is completely winning.*)* 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Be3 Bxc4?! A bit careless. *(17...0-0-0 18.Bxc5 Bxc4* is simpler, *19.Rf4 Rhe8 20.Bxa7 g5 21.Rf5 e3)* 18.Rf5! 0-0-0 19.Rxc5 Ba6 20.Bf4 Rd7 21.Ra5 White wins a pawn. Bb7 22.Rxa7 Kitty Kat: '½-½ Shirov, A (2704)-Jumabayev,R (2617) 44th Olympiad 2022 (7.7) ' Re8 23.Rb1 Bc6 24.Rb4?! *(24.Be3)* 24...e3! 25.Rd4 Rf7 26.h4 e2 White can hardly make progress with this strong e-pawn so far advanced. 27.Ra5 *(27.Rd2 Bf3)* 27...Re6 28.a4 h6 29.h5 Bf3 30.Rb5 Rb6 31.Rxb6 cxb6 32.Be3 Re7 33.Rd3 Bxh5 34.Bxb6 Rf7 Threatening ... Rf1+. 35.Rd8+ Kb7 36.Bf2 Bf3 37.Rd6 Rf5 38.c4 Ra5 39.Rd3 Bg4 40.Rd4 h5 41.c5 Kc7 42.Be3 Ra8 43.Bf4+ Kc6 44.Be3 Rf8 45.Rd6+ Kc7 46.Bf2 Rb8 47.Rb6 The only move to avoid ...Rb1+. Tony Kosten: 'would force a repetition, and' Rd8 48.Rd6 And again, this is the only move to stop ...Rd1+. Ra8!? Black plays for a win. *(48...Rb8 49.Rb6* would force a repetition, and*; 48...Rxd6 49.cxd6+ Kxd6* would be an easy draw. *)* 49.Bd4 Rxa4 50.Bxg7 Rc4 51.Be5 Kc8 52.Rd3! Rxc2 *(52...Rxc5 53.Rc3)* 53.Rc3 White has just enough resources to avoid a devastating check on the first rank. Rb2 54.Bf4 Rb4 55.Bd2 Rb1+ 56.Bc1 Rb5 57.Bf4 Rb4 58.Bd2 Rd4 59.c6 Rd5 60.c7 Rd7

½-½ (60) Shirov,A (2704)-Jumabayev,R (2617) Chennai IND 2022 [Tony Kosten];

A2a24) 11...Bc5 Black has the bishop pair while his isolated pawns are all on closed files and not easily attacked. 12.a4 *(12.Nd4 Bh3* 0-1 (43) Swanson,S (2244)-Savage,B (2307) Hinckley Island 2009*; 12.Bf4 Bb6 13.a4 a5 14.Nd4 c5 15.Nb5 Bg4 16.h3 Bf3 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Rae1 h5 19.c4 f6 20.Nc3 Rd4 21.b3 c6 22.Be3 f5 23.Ne2 h4 24.gxh4 Rdd8 25.Bg5 Bc7 26.Ng3 Rdf8 27.Be7 Rf7 28.Bg5 Rff8 29.Be7 Rf7 30.Bg5 Rff8* ½-½ (30) Mclaughlin,K (2410)-Ellis,L (2410) ICCF 2020 *)* 12...0-0 13.Nd4 a5 14.Bf4 *(14.Nxc6 Bb7)* 14...h6 15.0-0-0 Bb6 fairly level, Hale,A (2101)-Solar,J (2269) ICCF email 2017, ß-ß (27).;

A2a25) 11...Be7 12.Rf1 0-0 13.Nd4 c5 14.Nc6 Re8 15.Nxe7+ Rxe7 16.Bf4 h6 17.h4 Bg4 18.Kf2 Rf8 19.Rae1 f5 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Kg1 ½-½ (21) Polivanov,A (2425)-Marcotulli,G (2256) IECG 2003;

A2a26) 11...Rb8 12.b3

A2a261) 12...Rb5 13.Bf4 Ba3 *(13...Be7 14.c4 Ra5* Krensing,J (2150)-Boucqueau,D (1864) IECG email 2002, 1-0 (30).*)* 14.c4 Ra5 15.Kd2 Ra6 16.Nc3 Bf5 17.Nd1 0-0 18.h3 Bc8 19.g4 h6 20.Ke2 Re8 21.Bg3 Kf8 22.Ke3 Kg8 23.Ke2 Bc5 24.Ne3 Bd4 25.Rad1 Bxe3 26.Kxe3 Rxa2 27.Rd2 g6 28.Rhd1 a5 29.Rd8 Kf8 30.e6 Bxe6 31.Bxc7 Rxd8 32.Bxd8 f5 33.Rd6 Kf7 34.g5 hxg5 35.Bxg5 Rxc2 36.Rxc6 a4 37.Rc7+ Kg8 38.bxa4 Rxc4 39.Rxc4 Bxc4 40.h4 Kf7 41.Kf4 Kg7 42.Ke5 Kf7 43.a5 Be2 44.Bf4 Bd3 45.Be3 Bb5 46.Kf4 Bc4 47.Kg5 Be2 48.Bf4 Kg7 49.Be5+ Kh7 50.Bf4 Kg7 51.Be5+ Kf7 52.Kf4 Bd3 53.Bc3 Ke6 54.Bd2 Kf7 55.Be3 Kf6 56.Bd4+ Kf7 57.Bb6 Kf6 58.Bd4+ Kf7 59.Kg5 Be2 60.Bf2 Kg7 61.Bd4+ Kh7 62.Be3 Kg7 63.Bd4+ Kh7 64.Be3 Bd3 65.Kf4 Kh6 66.Kg3+ Kh5 67.Bg5 Bb5 68.a6 e3 69.Bxe3 f4+ 70.Bxf4 Bxa6 71.Bc1 g5

72.Bxg5 Bb7 73.Be3 Be4 74.Bd2 Bb1 75.Bc1 Ba2 76.Bb2 Be6 77.Kf4 Bc4 78.Ke4 Ba6 79.Ba1 Bb5 80.Ke5 Bf1 81.Kf5 Bd3+ 82.Ke6 Be2 83.Bb2 Bf1 84.Bc1 Be2 85.Bb2 Bf1 86.Kf6 Bb5 87.Ba1 Bf1 88.Bb2 Bb5 89.Ba1 Kxh4 90.Bb2 Bc6 91.Ke5 Kg4 92.Bc3 Bd5 93.Ba1 Be4 94.Kxe4 ½-½ (94) IAmBotLol (2836)-caissa-x (2902) Blitz 2023;

A2a262) 12...h5 13.h3 Rb5 14.Bf4 Be7 15.c4 Ra5 16.Nd4 Bb4+ 17.Ke2 Bc3 18.Rad1 Rxa2 19.Nxc6 Bd7 20.Nb8 Bf5 21.Ke3 0-0 22.g4 Bg6 23.Nc6 Re8 24.Rd7 Rxc2 25.Rh2 Rc1 26.Ne7+ Rxe7 27.Rxe7 Rf1 28.Rf2 Re1+ 29.Re2 Rf1 30.Rf2 Bd4+ 31.Kxd4 Rxf2 32.Be3 Rf1 33.e6 Rd1+ 34.Kc5 fxe6 35.Bd4 Bf7 36.Rxc7 hxg4 37.hxg4 Rd3 38.Rxa7 Rxb3 39.Ra8+ Kh7 40.Ra1 e5 41.Bxe5 e3 42.Re1 Kg6 43.Bd4 Be6 44.Bxe3 Rc3 45.Kd4 Rxc4+ 46.Ke5 Rxg4 47.Kxe6 Re4+ 48.Kd5 Re7 49.Rg1+ Kf5 50.Rf1+ Kg6 51.Bd4 Re2 52.Rg1+ Kf5 53.Rf1+ Kg6 54.Rg1+ Kf5 55.Ra1 g5 56.Rf1+ Kg6 57.Rf6+ Kh5 58.Rf7 Re1 59.Rh7+ Kg6 60.Rg7+ Kf5 61.Rf7+ Kg6 62.Rf6+ Kh5 63.Rf2 Kg4 64.Rh2 Rf1 65.Rc2 Rf5+ 66.Be5 Rf1 67.Rc7 Rf2 68.Rc3 Rd2+ 69.Ke4 Rf2 70.Rg3+ Kh4 71.Rg1 Kh5 72.Bg3 Rf7 73.Rh1+ Kg6 74.Rg1 Re7+ 75.Be5 Rb7 76.Kd5 Rb5+ 77.Ke4 Rb4+ 78.Bd4 Rb5 79.Rf1 g4 80.Rf8 g3 81.Rg8+ Kf7 82.Rg7+ Ke6 83.Rg6+ Ke7 84.Rxg3 Rb1 85.Rg7+ Kd6 86.Rg6+ Ke7 87.Rc6 Rb3 88.Bc5+ Kf7 89.Ke5 Rb1 90.Rf6+ Kg7 91.Bd4 Rd1 92.Bc3 Rb1 93.Ke4 Kg8 94.Be5 Rb7 95.Kd5 Rb5+ 96.Ke4 Rb7 97.Rf3 Rb1 98.Kd5 Rb5+ 99.Ke6 Rb6+ 100.Kf5 Kf7 101.Rh3 Ke8 102.Rh7 Rc6 103.Bb8 Kf8 104.Rd7 Ke8 105.Rh7 Kf8 106.Bc7 Ra6 107.Rd7 Ke8 108.Rh7 Kf8 109.Be5 Ke8 110.Bf4 Rc6 111.Ke5 Ra6 112.Bc1 Ra5+ 113.Ke6 Ra6+

114.Kd5 Ra5+ 115.Ke6 Ra6+ 116.Kd5 Ra5+ 117.Kd6 Ra6+ 118.Kc5 Ra5+ 119.Kc6 Ra6+ 120.Kc5 Ra1 121.Bf4 Rb1 122.Bd6 Rf1 123.Re7+ Kd8 124.Rh7 Ke8 125.Kc6 Rf6 126.Rg7 Re6 127.Kc7 Re1 128.Bc5 Rc1 129.Kc6 Re1 130.Kd6 Kf8 131.Ra7 Ke8 132.Ra8+ Kf7 133.Ra7+ Kf6 134.Bg1 ½-½ (134) IAmBotLol (2855)-caissa-x (2908) Blitz 2023;

A2b) 10.Bf4

A2b1) 10...Be7 11.0-0-0 g5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Re1 a5 15.h3 Bf5 16.Ne2 c5 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ng3 Kd7 19.Bd2 Ke6 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Rad8 22.Rf1 h5 23.a4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Rh2 25.Be1 Rd5 26.c4 Rd4 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Bxa5 Rg2 29.Bxc7 Rxg4 30.a5 Bc5 31.Bb6 1-0 (31) ice2breaker (2751)-Rumple_DarkOne (2620) Blitz 2023;

A2b2) 10...h6 This is not a bad mistake, but ... Dies ist noch kein schlimmer Fehler, aber ... 11.Ne2 g5 12.Be3 Bg7 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.e6! fxe6 15.Nxc6 a6 16.Bc4 Bxc6 17.Bxe6 Rd8 18.0-0 Bd5 19.Bf5 0-0 20.a3?! *(20.Bc5! Rf7 21.Rad1!±)* 20...b6 21.g4 Rfe8 22.h3 Bc4 23.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Be6 25.Bxe6+ Rxe6 26.a4 Kf7 27.a5 b5 28.Rd8 Be5 29.Ra8 Rc6 30.Kf1 b4 31.cxb4 Rxc2 32.b5 Bf4 33.Bg1 e3 34.bxa6 1-0 (34) Nakamura, H (2658)-Yermolinsky,A (2511) Stillwater 2007 CBM 169 [Breutigam,Martin] And the game ended here. Did Black possibly resign too soon? Or did he over-step the time limit? Und hier endet die Partie. Gab Schwarz versehentlich zu früh auf? Oder war es Zeitüberschreitung? *(* Be that as it may, Black could possibly have held on: Wie dem auch sei, Schwarz hätte sich womöglich halten können: *34.bxa6* And the game ended here. Did Black possibly resign too soon? Or did he over-step the time limit? Und hier endet die Partie. Gab Schwarz versehentlich zu früh auf? Oder war es Zeitüberschreitung? *Rc1+! 35.Kg2 e2 36.Bf2 Be3! 37.Bg3 Rg1+ 38.Kf3 Rxg3+ 39.Kxe2 Ke7 40.a7 Bxa7 41.Rxa7 Kd7)*;

A2b3) And Auch das klärende 10...a6!?N which clarifies matters also looks good e.g.sieht gut aus, z.B. 11.Bxc6+ bxc6

12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Nd4 c5; **A2b4)** 10...Bd7 Breutigam, Martin: '!'Breutigam,Martin: 'seems more logical, e.g.' Breutigam,Martin: 'scheint konsequenter zu sein, z.B.' 11.0-0-0 *(11.Bc4 Be7 12.h4 Rf8 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Rae1 Bc5+ 16.Kh2 Bf3 17.b4 Bb6 18.a4 a5 19.b5 Ne7 20.Ng1 Bxg1+ 21.Kxg1 Nd5 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.e6 fxe6 24.Rxe4 h6 25.Bc1 Bxe4 26.Rxf8+ Rd8 27.Rf7 Rd7 28.Rf8+ Rd8 29.Rf7 Rd7 30.Rf8+* ½-½ (30) Vachier-Lagrave,M (2732)-Paravyan,D (2610) chess.com INT 2024*)* 11...0-0-0 *(11...Nxe5 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.Bxc7 Rc8 14.Bf4 Bc5 15.Ne2 Nf6 16.Nd4 0-0 17.Rhe1 Rfe8 18.a3 Ng4 19.Rd2 h5 20.h3 Nf6 21.b4 Bb6 22.Kb2 a6 23.Nf5 Re6 24.Rd6 Rce8 25.c4 Bf2 26.Re2 Bg1 27.c5 g6 28.Rxe6 Rxe6 29.Nd6 b6 30.c6 Nd5 31.Rd2 Nc7 32.Nc4 Rxc6 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Ne5 Rf6 35.Nd7 Rxf4 36.gxf4 Ne6 37.Re8 Kg7 38.Ne5 e3 39.Kc1 Bh2 40.Kd1 Bxf4 41.Nd3 Bg5 42.Ke2 Nd4+ 43.Kd1 e2+ 44.Rxe2 Nxe2 45.Kxe2 Bf6 46.c4 Bd4 47.Nf4 Kf6 48.Nd5+ Ke5 49.Kd3 f5 50.Nc7 Bg1 51.Nxa6 Kd6 52.b5 g5 53.Nb4 g4 54.hxg4 fxg4 55.Ke2 h4 56.Kf1 Bc5 57.Kg2 h3+ 58.Kh1 Bxb4 59.axb4 g3 60.Kg1 g2 61.Kh2 Kc7 62.c5 Kb7 63.c6+ Kc7 64.Kg1 Kd6 65.Kh2 Kc7 66.Kg1 Kd6 67.Kh2 Kc7* ½-½ (67) dr_xStranger (2746)-OhanyanEminChess (2718) Blitz 2022*)* 12.Bc4 *(12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Ne2 Be7 14.Nd4 Bd5 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Rhe1 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 c6 19.Rd4 f5 20.c4 Be6 21.b3 Kd7 22.c5 h6 23.h4 Rdg8 24.Ra4 a6 25.Rb4 Kc8 26.Be5 Rh7 27.Rh1 Rf7 28.Kd2 g5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Rh6 Bd7 31.Bf6 b5 32.cxb6 Kb7 33.a4 c5 34.Rc4 Kxb6 35.Ke3 Be6 36.Rc3 Kc6 37.Bd4 f4+ 38.Kxe4 Bd5+ 39.Kd3 c4+ 40.bxc4 Bg2 41.Bf2 fxg3 42.Bxg3 Rf3+ 43.Kd4 Rxc3 44.Kxc3 Rf8 45.Kd4 Bf1 46.Be5 Rf2 47.Rh7 Rd2+ 48.Ke3 Rxc2 49.Rc7+ Kb6 50.d7 Re2+ 51.Kd4 Rd2+ 52.Kc3 Rd3+ 53.Kc2 Be2 54.c5+ Ka5 55.c6 Kxa4 56.Rb7 Rd5 57.Bc3 Bd1+ 58.Kc1 Be2 59.Rb4+ Ka3 60.Rb2 Rd1+* 0-1 (60) IDISJUDA (2727)-franky3000 (2578) Blitz 2023 *)*

A2b41) 12...f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Ne2 Bc5 15.Nd4 Rhe8 16.h3 a6 17.Be3 Ne5 18.Be2 Bf8 19.Rdf1 c5 20.Nb3 c4 21.Nd4 Be7 22.g4 Kc7 23.Rf4

Ng6 24.Rxe4 Bd6 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Kd2 Nf4 27.Bxc4 b5 28.Bd3 Nd5 29.Bh6 b4 30.c4 Ne7 31.Rf1 Be5 32.c3 bxc3+ 33.bxc3 Nc6 34.Nf3 Bd6 35.Bg7 Ne5 36.Bxf6 Ng6 37.g5 Bf4+ 38.Kc2 Ba4+ 39.Kb2 Rb8+ 40.Ka1 Be3 41.Bd4 Bf4 42.h4 Bd6 43.h5 Ba3 0-1 (43) ice2breaker (2755)-Hirschman2104 (2570) Blitz 2023;

A2b42) 12...Be7 13.Bxf7 *(13.h4 Bg4 14.Be2 Rxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Rd8+ 16.Kc1 Be6∓* 0-1 (39) Paredes Cordo,J (2243)-Pilgaard,K (2437) Villagarcia de Arosa 2002 *)* 13...Bg4 Breutigam,Martin: '!' 14.Re1 *(14.Rxd8+? Rxd8)* 14...g5 15.Bd2 *(15.Be3 Nxe5∓)* 15...Nxe5 16.Rxe4 Bf6 17.Rxg4 Nxf7 18.Nf3 h5 19.Ra4 g4 20.Nd4 a6 21.Rf1 Rd6 22.Bf4 Be5 23.Nf5 Re6 24.Re4 Rhe8 25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.cxd4 Re2 28.Bxc7 Ng5 29.Bb6 Nf3 30.h4 Rg2 31.d5 Rxg3 32.c4 Kd7 33.a4 Rh3 34.Rf2 Rxh4 35.Re2 Rh1+ 36.Kc2 Re1 0-1 (36) ice2breaker (2704)-jgeg (2592) Blitz 2023;

A2b43) 12...Bc5 13.Bxf7 Bg4 14.Rf1 Rhf8 15.e6 Kb8 16.h3 Bxe6 17.Bxe6 g5 18.Ne2 gxf4 19.Nxf4 Ne5 20.b4 Be3+ 21.Kb2 Ng6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Bd5 Rxf1 24.Rxf1 a5 25.Bxe4 g5 26.bxa5 Rh8 27.Rf3 Bc5 28.Rf5 Bd6 29.Rb5 Rxh3 30.Rxb7+ Kc8 31.a6 1-0 (31) ice2breaker (2793)-LUDVIG_CARLSSON (2599) Blitz 2022;

A2c) 10.Be3 h5 *(10...Bg4 11.h3 Bd7 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Ne2 Be7 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Nd4 Bc5 16.Rhe1 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Bd5 18.b3 b5 19.Kb2 a5 20.Rc1 Rfb8 21.g4 a4 22.Bd2 axb3 23.cxb3 c6 24.Bb4 Re8* Kitty Kat: '1-0 4. ♘c3 ♘ge7 5. 0-0 a6 (2361)-6...g6/8.h4 (1211) National Counties semi-final 2018 (9.1)'1-0 (45) 4.♘c3 ♘ge7 5.0-0 a6 (2361)-6...g6/8.h4 (1211) National Counties semi-final 2018 (9.1)*)* 11.0-0-0 h4 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Rhe1 hxg3 15.hxg3 Rh3 16.Rd2 Bxe2 17.Rdxe2 Rxg3 18.Bd4 Rg4 19.Rxe4 Rxe4 20.Rxe4 Kd7 21.Rh4 a6 22.Rh8 Rd8 23.c4 Ke6 24.c3 Be7 25.Rxd8 Bxd8 26.Kc2 g5 27.Kd3 c5 28.Bxc5 Kxe5 29.b4 f5 30.a4 f4 31.a5 Ke6 32.Ke4 Kd7 33.b5 Bf6 34.bxa6 Kc6 35.Bd4 Be7 36.Kf3 Bd8 37.Kg4 Be7 38.Kh3 Bd8

39.Bf2 Be7 40.Kg4 Bf6 41.Kf5 Bxc3 42.Kxg5 Bxa5 43.Kxf4 Bb6 44.Bxb6 Kxb6 45.Ke5 Kxa6 46.Kd5 Kb7 47.Kc5 c6 48.Kb4 Kb6 49.c5+ Ka6 50.Ka4 Kb7 51.Kb4 Ka6 52.Ka4 Kb7 53.Kb4 Ka6 ½-½ (53) IDISJUDA (2753)-bancsoo (2808) Blitz 2024;

A2d) 10.Ne2 now supersedes 10.Bxc6+. seems to push 10. Bxc6+ aside.löst 10.Lxc6+ inzwischen ab. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 10.Lxc6+ durch.

A2d1) 10...Bc5 11.Bf4 *(11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Ke2 Ke7 15.Be3 Bb6 16.Rhf1 Ke6 17.Rf4 Rhd8 18.Rxe4 Bxe3 19.Kxe3 Rab8 20.b3 Rb5 21.Rf1 Rbd5 22.Rff4 R8d7 23.Rc4 c5 24.Rfe4 Rd2 25.Rxc5 Rxc2 26.Rec4 Rxh2 27.Rc6+ Kxe5 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Rxc7 Rxa2 30.Rxf7 Ra3 31.Rxg7 Rxb3 32.Kd3 Rb1 33.Kc4 Kd6 34.Rxh7 Rg1 35.Rg7 Kc6 36.Rg6+ Kc7 37.g4 Rg3 38.Kd4 a5 39.c4 a4 40.Kc5 a3 41.Rg7+ Kb8 42.Rg8+ Kb7 43.Rg7+ Kb8 44.Rg8+ Kb7 45.Rg7+ Kb8* ½-½ (45) Aborigen100500 (2744)-Normal_one (2745) Rapid 2025*)* 11...Bg4 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Ba6+ Kb8 16.Bg5 f6 17.exf6 Bg4 18.fxg7 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rg8 20.Rd8+ Rxd8 21.Bxd8 Be6 22.b3 e3 23.Bc4 Ba3+ 24.Kd1 Bg4+ 25.Ke1 Bb2 26.Bf6 Bxc3+ 27.Bxc3 1-0 (27) Artoo (2789)-jimmy0613 (2573) Blitz 2021;

A2d2) 10...h5 11.Nd4 *(11.Bg5 Bg4 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.Rhe1 Nc5 16.b4 f6 17.bxc5 fxg5 18.Rxe4+ Kf7 19.Ne6 Kg6 20.Rd7 Rc8 21.h3 b6 22.g4 Bxc5 23.Rxg7+ Kf6 24.Rxg5 Ba3+ 25.Kd2 Rhd8+ 26.Ke2 Rd6 27.Rf5+ Kg6 28.Nf4+ Kg7 29.Nxh5+ Kh6* 1-0 (29) Qay13 (2708)-Cluberlangg (2573) Blitz 2022 *)* 11...Bd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.0-0-0 h4 16.Rhg1 hxg3 17.Rxg3 g6 18.e6 Bxe6 19.Nxc6+ Kf6 20.Rf1+ Kg7 21.Nd4 Bh3 22.Rf4 Rae8 23.Kd2 Bd7 24.Ke3 Rxh2 25.Rxe4 Rxe4+ 26.Kxe4 c5 27.Nb3 Rxc2 28.Nxc5 Bf5+ 29.Kd4 Rxb2 30.a4 f6 31.Re3 Kf7 32.a5 g5 33.a6 g4 34.c4 Kg6 35.Re7 g3 36.Re3 g2 37.Rg3+ Kh5 38.Nb7 Kh4 39.Rg8 Bg4 0-1 (39) Artusha29 (2739)-IMFAR (2747) Blitz 2022;

A2d3) 10...Bg4 11.Nd4 0-0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bg5 Rd7 14.Nxc6 Bc5 15.b4 Bb6 16.a4 Bf3 17.Rf1 Bg2 18.Rf2 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 f6 20.exf6 gxf6

21.Be3 Bh3 22.Nxa7+ Kb7 23.a5 h5 24.a6+ Ka8 25.b5 h4 26.c4 hxg3+ 27.hxg3 Bg4 28.Bc5 Rh2+ 29.Ke3 Rxc2 30.Rh1 Rd8 31.Rh7 Rxc4 32.Rh2 0-1 (32) balachess2006 (2714)-Zoom1424 (2587) Blitz 2024;

A2d4) 10...Bd7 Szabo,Krisztian: '=' Szabo, Krisztian: 'is the easiest path to a draw.'

A2d41) 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 Tony Kosten: 'seems illogical, allowing Black to recapture with a piece, but White gains a lot of time forcing the bishop to move,'

A2d411) 12.Be3

A2d4111) 12...b6 13.0-0-0 Be7 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Rhf1 g6 16.Bh6 Rg8 17.Be3 c5 18.Nb3 Rd8 19.Nd2 Bg4 20.Rde1 Rd5 21.Bf4 Bh3 22.Rg1 g5 23.c4 Rd8 24.Be3 Bf5 25.g4 Bg6 26.Bf2 Kd7 27.Nxe4 Kc6 28.Nc3 Rge8 29.Nd5 Bf8 30.h4 gxh4 31.Bxh4 Rb8 32.a4 a6 33.Rgf1 b5 34.Nf4 Bh6 35.g5 Bg7 36.Nxg6 fxg6 37.axb5+ axb5 38.cxb5+ Rxb5 39.Bg3 c4 40.Rf4 c3 41.Rc4+ Rc5 42.Rxc5+ Kxc5 43.b3 Bf8 44.Re3 Kd4 45.Bf2 Ba3+ 46.Kd1 Rxe5 47.Rd3+ Ke4 48.Rxc3 Rxg5 49.Ke2 Re5 50.Re3+ Kf5 51.Rxe5+ Kxe5 52.Kf3 h5 53.Be3 Be7 54.c4 g5 55.Bxg5 Bxg5 56.b4 Be7 57.b5 Bc5 58.Kg3 Kd4 59.Kh4 Kxc4 60.Kxh5 Kxb5 ½-½ (60) Rapport,R (2745)-Aronian,L (2745) Warsaw POL 2023;

A2d4112) 12...Bd7 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Rae1 Bh5 15.Nd4 0-0-0 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rxe4 Bg6 18.Re2 Bc5 19.Kg2 a6 20.Rfe1 h6 21.Bf4 Bh5 22.Nf3 g5 23.Bc1 Re6 24.h3 Rd8 25.g4 Bg6 26.h4 gxh4 27.Nxh4 h5 28.g5 a5 29.Kg3 Rg8 30.Bf4 Bh7 31.Rh1 Bg6 32.Nxg6 fxg6 33.Rd1 Rf8 34.Re4 Rf5 35.Rd5 b6 36.b4 Be7 37.Kh4 Rc6 38.bxa5 Rxc3 39.axb6 Rxc2 40.bxc7 Rxa2 41.Rd6 Rg2 42.Kh3

Rg4 43.Rdd4 Kxc7 44.e6+ Kc6 45.Rc4+ Rc5 46.Rcd4 Rd5 47.Rc4+ Rc5 48.Ra4 Rc3+ 49.Kh2 Rc2+ 50.Kh1 Bc5 51.Be3 Rxe4 52.Rxe4 Be7 53.Bf4 Kd5 54.Re5+ Kd4 55.Re1 Rc6 56.Kg2 Kd5 57.Re5+ Kd4 58.Re2 Kd5 59.Re5+ Kd4 60.Kf1 Rc5 61.Rxc5 Kxc5 62.Kf2 Kd5 63.Kf3 Bd6 64.Bc1 Ke5 65.Bd2 Kf5 66.Bc1 h4 67.Bd2 h3 68.e7 Bxe7 69.Kg3 Bxg5 70.Ba5 Ke4 71.Kxh3 Kf3 72.Bb4 Bf6 73.Bd2 Be5 74.Bg5 Bf4 75.Bd8 g5 76.Bxg5 ½ - ½ (76) JustACrazyBoy (2737) - iCe_eNerGyTeaM (2549) Rapid 2021;

A2d4113) 12...h5 13.0-0-0 h4 14.g4 g6 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.h3 Bg7 17.Bf4 0-0-0 18.Rhe1 c5 19.Nb3 b6 20.Nd2 Bc6 21.Nxe4 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Kd7 23.Kd2 Ke6 24.Ng5+ Ke7 25.Ke3 Rd8 26.Nf3 Ke6 27.Ng5+ Ke7 28.Nf3 Ke6 29.Nxh4 Rh8 30.Bg3 Bh6+ 31.Kf2 Bg5 32.Nf3 Bxf3 33.Kxf3 Rxh3 34.Kg2 Rh8 35.Rd1 Rd8 36.Rd6+ Rxd6 37.exd6 Bh6 38.c4 Bf8 39.Kf3 Bxd6 40.Be1 f5 41.b3 Bh2 42.Bc3 Be5 43.Be1 Kf6 44.Bh4+ Ke6 45.Be1 Bc7 46.Bc3 Bd8 47.Bb2 Bf6 48.Bc1 Bd4 49.Bf4 Be5 50.Bc1 Bd6 51.Bd2 a6 52.a4 a5 53.Bc1 Be5 54.Bd2 Bd4 55.Bf4 Be5 56.Bg5 Bc7 57.Bd2 Bd8 58.Bc1 Bf6 59.Bf4 Be5 60.Bg5 Kd7 61.gxf5 gxf5 62.Bd2 Ke6 63.Bc1 Bc7 64.Be3 Kf6 65.Bd2 Kg6 66.Bc1 Kh5 67.Bd2 Kh4 68.Bf4 Bd8 69.Bd6 Kh5 70.Kf4 Kg6 71.Ke5 Kg5 72.Kd5 f4 73.Kc6 Kg4 74.Bxf4 Kxf4 75.Kd7 Bf6 76.Kc6 Bc3 77.Kxb6 Bb4 78.c3 Bxc3 79.Kxc5 Ke5 80.Kb6 Kd6 81.c5+ Ke7 82.c6 Be5 83.Kxa5 Kd6 84.Kb5 Kc7 85.a5 Bd4 86.b4 Be3 87.Ka6 Ba7 88.b5

Bc5 89.b6+ Kxc6 90.b7 Kc7 91.b8Q+ Kxb8 92.Kb5 Bd4 93.a6 Be3 94.Kc6 Bf4 95.a7+ Ka8 0 - 1 (9 5) Aborigen100500 (2735)-Normal_one (2713) Rapid 2024;

A2d4114) 12...Be7

A2d41141) 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.c4 f5!? *(14...Rae8)* 15.h4 Rfe8 16.Nf4 Bf8 17.Bd4 Rad8 18.c3 b6 19.Rhg1 Bb7 Black has the bishops and some pressure against the e6-pawn, Martinez Rojas,C (2037)-Lestao Balseiro,A (2248) Santa Cruz de Tenerife 2019, ß-ß (67).;

A2d41142) 13.Nd4 Leszko,B (2253)-Kojima,S (2392) Budapest 2021, ß-ß (51), Bd7;

A2d41143) 13.Rf1 0-0-0 14.Rxf7 Bf8 15.Bd4 Bd5 16.Rf2 Be7 17.b3 Rhf8 18.Nf4 Bg8 19.Nh5 Rxf2 20.Kxf2 Rf8+ 21.Ke2 Be6 22.Nf4 Bg4+ 23.Ke3 Bf3 24.h4 Rf5 25.b4 g5 26.hxg5 Bxg5 27.Rf1 h5 28.Rxf3 exf3 29.Kxf3 Kd7 30.Ke4 Rf8 31.Nxh5 a6 32.a4 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Nf6+ Ke6 35.Kd3 Bxf6 36.exf6 Rg8 37.Bf2 Kxf6 38.Kd4 Rg5 39.g4 Ke6 40.Be3 Rxg4+ 41.Kc5 Rc4+ 42.Kxb5 Rxc3 43.Bc5 Rxc2 44.Kc6 Rg2 45.Kxc7 Kd5 46.Kb6 Rg6+ 47.Kb5 Rg8 48.Kb6 Rg7 49.Kb5 Rb7+ 50.Ka6 Kc6 51.Be3 Rxb4 52.Ka5 Rb3 53.Bf2 Kd5 54.Bg1 Kc4 55.Bf2 Rb5+ 56.Ka6 Rf5 57.Bg1 Rf6+ 58.Ka7 Kb5 59.Be3 Rf7+ 60.Ka8 Kc6 61.Bg1 Rf8+ 62.Ka7 Rf1 63.Be3 Ra1+ 64.Kb8 Ra3 65.Bf4 Rb3+ 66.Kc8 Rf3 67.Bc7 Rf8+ 68.Bd8 Rg8 69.Kb8 Rxd8+ 70.Ka7 Re8 71.Ka6 Ra8# 0-1 (71) Takacsbl (2714)-filolog (2759) Blitz 2021;

A2d4115) 12...0-0-0 13.Rf1 *(13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0-0 c5 15.Ne2 Be7 16.Nf4 Bg4 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.c4 Bf3 19.Rf1 Bg5 20.h4 Bh6 21.Bxc5 Bxf4+ 22.gxf4 Kd7 23.f5 g6 24.e6+ fxe6 25.f6 Ke8 26.Be3 Kf7 27.b3 Rd7 28.Bxa7 Kxf6 29.Be3 Kf5 30.Rg1 Kf6 31.a4 h5 32.a5 Be2 33.Kb2 Bg4 34.Kc3 Ke5 35.b4 Rf7 36.b5 Rf3 37.Re1 Kd6 38.Kb4 Rf8 39.Bc5+* 1-0 (39) Rikikits (2780) - Swordoftheword16 (2606) Blitz 2022*; 13.0-0 Bd5 14.b3 Re8 15.Rad1 c6 16.c4 Be6 17.Nd4 Bg4 18.Rde1 Bh5 19.Bf4 Bg6 20.Ne2 Bc5+ 21.Kg2 h6 22.g4 Re7 23.Ng3 e3 24.c3 Rd8 25.Bxe3 Rxe5 26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.h4 f6 28.h5 Bh7 29.Re7 Rd7 30.Rfe1 Ra5 31.a4 Bc2 32.b4 Rxa4 33.c5 Ra3 34.Rxd7 Kxd7 35.Re3 a5 36.bxa5 Rxa5* 0-1 (36) satlan (2714) - Amy Macdonald (2590) Blitz 2023 *)*

A2d41151) 13...Rd7 14.Nf4 *(14.Rd1 Bd5 15.b3 Be6 16.Rxd7 Kxd7 17.Rf4 c5 18.Rxe4 Bd5 19.Rf4 g5 20.Rf6 Bg7 21.Rd6+* 1-0 (21) Aborigen100500 (2770) - Jawad_Bendaoud (2489) Rapid 2023 *)* 14...Be7 15.Nh5 g6 16.Nf6 Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Re8 18.Bd4 Re6 19.Rf4 b6 20.0-0-0 Bd5 21.Rdf1 c5 22.Be3 Rxe5 23.g4 Be6 24.h3 f5 25.gxf5 Rxf5 26.h4 Rdf7 27.b3 Rxf4 28.Rxf4 Rxf4 29.Bxf4 Kd7 30.Kd2 c4 31.Ke3 Kc6 32.Kxe4 Bf5+ 33.Kd4 b5 34.bxc4 bxc4 35.Kxc4 Bxc2 36.a3 a6 37.Kb4 Bd3 38.c4 Be2 39.Kc3 Bf1 40.Kd4 Be2 41.Be3 Bg4 42.Bf4 Bf5 43.Be3 Be6 44.Bf4 Bf7 45.Be3 Bg8 46.Bf4 Be6 47.Be3 Bc8 48.Bf4 Bb7 49.Be3 h5 50.Bf4 Bc8 51.Be3

Bd7 52.Bg5 Be6 53.Be3 Bf5 54.Bg5 Bg4 55.Be3 Bh3 56.Bg5 Kd7 57.Be3 Bg2 58.Bg5 Bf1 59.Be3 Be2 60.Bg5 Bd1 61.Be3 Bc2 62.Bg5 Bb1 63.Be3 Ba2 64.Bg5 Bb3 65.Be3 Bc2 66.Bg5 Bd1 67.Be3 Kc8 68.Bg5 a5 69.Kc3 a4 70.Kd4 Kd7 71.Kc3 Kc6 72.Kd4 Bc2 73.Kc3 Bb3 74.Kd4 Kd6 75.Be3 Kd7 76.Bg5 Kc6 77.Be3 Bd1 78.Bg5 Bc2 79.Be3 g5 80.Bxg5 Bb3 81.Be3 Bd1 82.Bg5 Bg4 83.Be3 Bf5 84.Bg5 Bg6 85.Be3 Bf7 86.Bg5 Be8 87.Be3 Bd7 88.Bg5 Be6 89.Be3 Bf7 90.Bg5 Bg8 91.Be3 Bh7 92.Bg5 Bg6 93.Be3 Bf7 ½ - ½ (93) Nakamura,H (2802)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024;

A2d41152)

13...Bd5

A2d411521)

14.0-0-0 Be7 15.b3 *(15.Nf4 Bxa2 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Nh5 g6 18.Nf6 Bxf6 19.Rxf6 Be6 20.b3 Rd5 21.Bf4 g5 22.Bxg5 Rxe5 23.Be3 Rf5 24.Rh6 Rf3 25.Kd2 Bf5 26.Ke2 Bg6 27.c4 b6 28.c5 Rf5 29.g4 Rd5 30.h4 f5 31.h5 Be8 32.g5 Rd7 33.c6 Rd6 34.Rxh7 Rxc6 35.c4 b5 36.c5 f4 37.Bxf4 Rxc5 38.g6 Kb7 39.Re7 Bc6 40.Rxc7+ Kb6 41.Rxc6+ Kxc6 42.g7 Rc2+ 43.Bd2* 1-0 (43) Nihal,S (2668)-Belli,G (2168) chess.com INT 2024*)* 15...Ba3+ 16.Kb1 Be6 17.Nd4 Bg4 18.Rde1 Rd7 19.Nb5 Bf8 20.Nxa7+ Kb8 21.Nb5 h5 22.Rf4 Bf3 23.Nd4 g5 24.Rf5 g4 25.Bf4 Ba3 26.Nb5 Bf8 27.Kb2 Kc8 28.Nd4 Bc5 29.e6 Rxd4 30.Rxc5 1-0 (30) kira523 (2806) -

telodijomonstruo (2693) Blitz 2022; **A2d411522)** 14.b3 Re8 15.c4 Be6 16.Rf4 g5 17.Rf2 h6 18.Bd4 Bg7 19.0-0-0 b6 20.Bc3 c5 21.Rdf1 h5 22.Re1 h4 23.gxh4 Rxh4 24.Ng3 Reh8 25.Nxe4 Rxh2 26.Rxh2 Rxh2 27.Nxg5 Bh6 28.Rg1 Bf5 29.Bd2 Re2 30.Nf3 Bxd2+ 31.Nxd2 Rxe5 32.Rf1 Bg6 33.Rf2 Kd7 34.Nf3 Rf5 35.Rd2+ Kc7 36.Nh2 Rf4 37.Rg2 Be4 38.Re2 f5 39.Kd2 Kd6 40.Ke3 Ke5 41.Rd2 Rh4 42.Nf1 Rh3+ 43.Ke2 f4 44.Kf2 Rh7 45.Re2 Kf5 46.Nd2 Bc6 47.Nf3 Bxf3 48.Kxf3 Rh3+ 49.Kg2 Rc3 50.Rd2 Ke4 51.Kf2 f3 52.a4 a5 53.Ke1 Ke3 54.Rf2 Ke4 55.Kd2 Re3 56.Rh2 Kf4 57.Rh4+ Kg3 58.Kxe3 Kxh4 59.Kxf3 Kg5 60.Ke4 Kg4 61.Kd5 Kf3 62.Kc6 b5 63.Kxb5 Ke3 64.Kxc5 Kd2 65.Kb5 Kxc2 66.Kxa5 Kxb3 67.c5 Kc4 68.c6 Kc5 69.c7 Kd5 70.c8Q Ke4 71.Kb6 1-0 (71) bancsoo (2810)-vistagusta (2794) Blitz 2024;

A2d412) 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Rf1 *(13.Be3 c5 14.Ne2 0-0-0 15.Nf4 Re8 16.e6 Bxe6 17.Nxe6 Rxe6 18.Rf1 f6 19.Rf5 b6 20.c4 Bd6 21.Ke2 Re5 22.Rff1 Rhe8 23.Rad1 Kc7 24.g4 R5e6 25.h4 Be5 26.b3 Rd8 27.h5 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Rd6 29.Rd5 Rxd5 30.cxd5 Kd6 31.c4 g6 32.Bh6 Ke7 33.Ke3 f5 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.Bg5+ Kd7 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Bh4 Bc3 38.Kf4 Bd2+ 39.Kxf5 e3 40.Bg5 Bc1 41.Bh4 Bd2 42.Bg5 Bc1 43.Bh4 Bd2* ½-½ (43) Drthebigboss (2744)-MR_HW (2594) Blitz 2023*; 13.0-0 Bc5 14.Rf4 Ke7 15.Rxe4 h6 16.Be3 Bb6 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 19.Rxe3 fxe6 20.Rae1 Rhe8 21.Rxe6+ Kf7 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rxe8 Kxe8 24.Kf2*

Ke7 25.Ke3 Ke6 26.Ke4 c6 27.b4 g6 28.g4 Kf6 29.h4 g5 30.h5 Ke6 31.c4 Kf6 32.Kd4 Ke6 33.b5 Kd6 34.bxc6 Kxc6 1 - 0 (3 4) Aborigen100500 (2734)-axel1702 (2471) Rapid 2024*)*
13...c5 14.Nf5 Be6 *(14...g6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 f5 17.Bg5 Kf7 18.c4 Ke6 19.Be7 h6 20.Kd2 Rh7 21.Ke3 Ke5 22.Rad1 b6 23.h4 Rf7 24.Rd5+ Ke6 25.Kf4 Rg8 26.Re5#* 1 - 0 (2 6) Aborigen100500 (2729)-Normal_one (2701) Rapid 2024*)*
15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Kd7 17.Bf4 f6 18.0-0-0 Bg4 19.Rd2 b6 20.Be3 Rac8 21.Rf4 Bf3 22.Rf5 Rc6 23.b4 cxb4 24.cxb4 Rc3 25.Bd4 Rc4 26.a3 Re8 27.Be3 Rc3 28.Bd4 Rxa3 29.Kb2 e3 30.Re2 Bxe2 31.Kxa3 Bd1 32.Rf1 e2 33.Re1 Bxc2 34.Kb2 Bd1 35.Bc3 Kxd6 36.g4 Kd5 37.Rg1 Re3 38.g5 f5 39.g6 hxg6 40.Bd2 Re6 41.Kc3 Ke4 42.Rg3 Rc6+ 43.Kb2 Rc2+ 44.Ka3 Rxd2 45.Rxg6 Ke3 46.b5 e1Q 0-1 (46) SpaceCrystalis (2801)-persik_06 (2649) Blitz 2023;

A2d413) 12.0-0 Bc5+ 13.Nd4 0-0 14.Be3 Rfe8 15.Rae1 Rxe5 16.Nxc6 Bxe3+ 17.Rxe3 bxc6 18.g4 g6 19.Rf6 Kg7 20.Rxc6 f5 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Rg3+ Kf7 23.Rh3 Rg8+ 24.Kf2 Rg7 25.Ke3 Kg8 26.b4 Rg4 27.Rxc7 f4+ 28.Kd4 e3 29.Rc8+ Kg7 30.Rc7+ Kf6 31.Rc6+ Kg5 32.Rch6 Kf5 33.R6h5+ Rg5 0-1 (33) satlan (2729)-NextLife1 (2755) Blitz 2023;

A2d414) 12.Rf1

A2d4141)

Vorgänger: 12...Bc5

Vorgänger: 13.Nd4 *(13.Rf4* 'N' *Rd8 14.b4 Bb6 15.c4 Bd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Rg4 Rg8 18.c3 Rxc4* 0-1 Troff,K (2483)-Kozak,A (2549) Budapest Kallai Memorial Rapid 2022 (5) *19.Bd2 Bd5 20.Rh4 h6 21.0-0-0 Be6 22.Kb2 b6 23.Be3 Ke7 24.Rf4 c5 25.a3 Rc8 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Rd6 Rb8+*

28.Kc2 Rb6 29.Rxb6 axb6 30.Rf1 Kd7 31.Rd1+ Kc7 32.Kb2 Ra4 33.Rd2 Ra5 34.Rd6 Ra8 35.h4 Kb7 36.Bf4 Ka6 37.Rd1 Kb5 38.Rd6 Rb8 39.Kc2 Kc4 40.Be3 Ra8 41.Kb2 Ra5 42.Rxb6 Kd3 43.Bf4 e3 44.Rd6+ Ke2 45.Rb6 Kf2 46.c4 Bxc4 47.Kc3 Be6 48.Rb2+ Kf3 49.Rb1 Rxa3+ 50.Kb2 Rb3+ 51.Kc2 Rxb1 52.Kxb1 Kf2 0-1 (52) Troff,K (2483)-Kozak,A (2549) Budapest 2022 *)* 13...Bd7 *(13...Bd5 14.Nf5 g6 15.Ng7+ Kd7 16.Bg5 Kc8 17.0-0-0 Bc4 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Rxe4 hxg5 20.Rxc4* 1-0 (31) Can,I (2445)-Bailet,P (2508) Vaujany 2022 *)* 14.Rf4 0-0 15.Rxe4

A2d41411)

15...Rae8 16.Bf4 f6 regains the pawn with equality, 17.e6 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Rxe6 19.Rxe6 Bxe6 Vorgänger:

20.0-0-0 ß-ß Eintalu,J (2358)-Dmitriev,V (2429) ICCF email 2018. *(20.b3N c6 21.Kd2 Kf7 22.c4 Re8 23.Re1 Bd7 24.Rxe8 Bxe8 25.d5 cxd5 26.cxd5 Ke7 27.Kd3 Kd7 28.Be3 a6 29.Bc5 g5 30.Bf8 Bf7 31.Kd4 f5 32.Bh6 f4 33.gxf4 gxf4 34.Bxf4 Bg6 35.Kc5* ½-½ (35) Krastev,A (2431)-Fromm,M (2408) Mamaia 2022 *)*;

A2d41412)

15...Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bg4 17.e6 *(17.Kd2 Be7 18.Rf1 c5 19.Nf3 b5 20.Kc1 h6 21.h4 Bh3 22.Rf2 Be6 23.Nd2 g5 24.Be3 Kh7 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.b4 cxb4* ½-½ (26) Brodda,W (2445)-Preussner,M (2459) www.remoteschach.de 2022 *)* 17...Bxd4 18.cxd4 Bxe6 19.0-0-0 Bf5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Kd2 c6 22.Rf1 f6 23.c4 Kf7 24.Rf2 Bg4 25.a4

Ke6 26.a5 Kd7 27.h4 h6 28.Be3 b5 29.d5 bxc4 30.Rf4 h5 31.Rxc4 cxd5 32.Rb4 Re4 33.Rxe4 dxe4 34.Bxa7 Kc6 35.Ke3 Kb5 36.Bb6 g5 37.Kxe4 gxh4 38.gxh4 Bc8 39.Kf3 Bg4+ 40.Kg2 Bc8 41.Kf3 Bg4+ 42.Ke3 Bh3 43.Ke4 Bc8 44.Kf4 Bd7 45.Ke3 Bg4 46.Kf4 Bc8 47.Ke3 Bg4 48.Kf4 Bc8 49.Kg3 Be6 50.Kg2 Bg4 51.Kg3 Be6 52.Kh2 Bc8 53.Bd8 Ba6 54.Kg3 Bc8 55.Bc7 Be6 56.Bb6 ½-½ (56) SF-NNUE (2787)-FireFishBOT_v2 (2894) Blitz 2023;

A2d4142) 12...h5 13.Nd4 h4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bg5 hxg3 16.hxg3 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.0-0-0 Rh5 19.Rd4 Rxe5 20.Kd2 e3+ 21.Kd3 Rh8 22.Re4 Rxe4 23.Kxe4 Rh2 24.Rc1 e2 25.Re1 Kf6 26.Kf3 Kg5 27.b4 f5 28.a4 Kf6 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Kxe2 Ke5 31.Kf3 g5 32.Ke3 Kd5 33.Kd3 f4 34.gxf4 gxf4 35.c4+ Ke5 36.c3 c5 37.a5 Kf5 38.Kd2 Ke4 39.Ke2 f3+ 40.Kd2 Kf4 41.Ke1 Ke3 42.bxc5 c6 43.a6 Kd3 44.Kf2 Kxc3 45.Kxf3 Kxc4 46.Ke4 Kxc5 47.Ke5 Kb5 48.Kd6 c5 49.Kd5 c4 50.Kd4 Kb4 51.Kd5 c3 52.Kc6 c2 53.Kb7 c1Q 54.Kxa7 Kb5 55.Kb7 Qh1+ 56.Kb8 Qh7 57.a7 Kc6 58.a8Q+ Kb6 Normal 0-1 (58) Felix_Kuznetsov (2708)-BaldFM (2688) Blitz 2024;

A2d4143) 12...b6N 13.Be3 Rd8 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.a4 a6 16.a5 b5 17.0-0-0 Be7 18.h4 c5 19.Nb3 c4 20.Nd2 Bc6 21.Rde1 Rd7 22.Bb6 Bd8 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Bxb6 25.e6 Be3+ 26.Rxe3 Re7 27.exf7+ Kf8 28.Ref3 Re5 29.h5 h6 30.g4 Re7 31.Rf5 1-0 (31) Can, I (2505)-Pasztor,B (2393) Budapest

2023;
A2d4144) 12...Ba4 13.b3 Bd7 14.Be3 Bh3 15.Rf4 Be7 16.Rxe4 0-0-0 17.Rd4 Rde8 18.Nf4 Bf5 19.Nd3 f6 20.Ra4 a6 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Kd2 Bxc3+ ½-½ (22) Caron,S (2411)-Martis,V (2368) ICCF 2021;
A2d4145) 12...Bd7 13.Be3 Bh3 14.Rf4 Be7 15.Rxe4 Bf5 *(15...0-0-0 16.Rd4 f6 17.Nf4 Bf5 18.Nd5 Bc5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Rc4* ½-½ (20) Preussner, M (2459)-Class,W (2477) www.remoteschach.de 2022 Fernschach 2024 [0168820]*)* 16.Rc4 0-0-0 17.Nd4 Bh3 18.a4 a6 19.Nf3 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Kf2 Bf5 22.Bd4 Rhf8 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Rf4 Rdf8 25.Ke3 Re8+ 26.Kf2 Ref8 27.a5 Bxc2 28.Ke3 c5 29.Rc1 Bg6 30.Rxf6 Rxf6 31.Re1 b6 32.axb6 Rxb6 33.Ne5 Rxb2 34.Nxg6 hxg6 35.Kd3 Rxh2 36.Re6 Rg2 37.Rxg6 a5 38.Rxg7 a4 39.Kc4 a3 40.Kb3 a2 41.Ra7 c4+ 42.Kxc4 Rxg3 43.Ra8+ Kb7 44.Rxa2 Rg1 45.Kb4 Rb1+ 46.Kc5 Rc1 47.c4 Rb1 48.Rc2 Ra1 49.Rb2+ Ka6 50.Kc6 Ra3 51.c5 Ra1 52.Rc2 Ra3 53.Rc1 Ra2 54.Kc7 Rg2 55.c6 Rg7+ 56.Kc8 Rg8+ 57.Kd7 Rg7+ 58.Kd6 Rg6+ 59.Kd5 Rg5+ 60.Ke6 Rg8 61.Kd7 Rg7+ 62.Kd6 Rg6+ 63.Kd5 Rg5+ 64.Ke6 Rg8 65.Kf7 Rc8 66.Ke7 Rg8 67.Kf7 Rc8 68.Ke7 Rg8 69.Rb1 Rg2 70.Ke6 ½-½ (70) SF-NNUE (2838)-TorBot_v2 (2852) Rapid 2023;
A2d42) 11.Bf4 Nxe5 *(11...Be7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.e6 Bxe6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Bxc7 Bg4 16.Rhe1 f5 17.Rd4 Bf6 18.Rc4 Rc8 19.Bb6 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Kf7 21.b4 Rhe8 22.Kb2 g5 23.Kb3 h5 24.a4 h4 25.g4 fxg4 26.Rcxe4 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 g3 28.hxg3 h3 29.Re2 Rh8 30.Bg1 g4 31.c4 Kg6 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5 cxb5 34.axb5 Kf5 35.b6*

Be5 36.c4 Bxg3 37.c5 h2 38.Bxh2 Bxh2 39.c6 Rc8 40.Rc2 Rb8 41.b7 Bc7 42.Kc4 g3 43.Kd5 Rg8 44.Rg2 Kf4 45.Ke6 Kf3 46.Rc2 g2 47.Rxg2 Kxg2 48.Kd7 Rg7+ 49.Kc8 Bf4 50.b8Q Rg8+ 51.Kd7 Bxb8 52.c7 Bxc7 53.Kxc7 Rg6 54.Kd7 Kg3 55.Ke7 Kf4 56.Kf7 Kf5 57.Ke7 Rf6 58.Kd7 Re6 59.Kc7 Ke5 60.Kd7 Kd5 61.Kc7 Rd6 62.Kb7 Rc6 63.Kb8 Kd6 64.Kb7 Kd7 65.Ka7 Kc7 66.Ka8 Ra6# 0-1 (66) Benefactorr (2781)-HardOfThinking (2586) Blitz 2020*; 11...0-0-0 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd4 Bd5 14.Ke2 c5 15.Nf5 Bc4+ 16.Ke3 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 f5 19.b3 Bb5 20.c4 Bc6 21.Rad1 Kd7 22.Bg5 Rde8 23.Be7 Ke6 24.Kf4 h6 25.h4 Rhg8 26.c3 b6 27.b4 Rg7 28.b5 Bd7 29.Rd5 Reg8 30.Re5+ Kf7 31.Ke3 Be6 32.Rd1 Bd7 33.a4 g5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Rf1 Rh7 36.Rxe4 Rh3 37.Rf3 g4 38.Rf2 Rxg3+ 39.Kd2 Rh8 40.Bg5 Re8 41.Rxe8 Bxe8 42.Rxf5+ Ke6 43.Rf6+ Kd7 44.Bf4 Rg2+ 45.Ke3 Rc2 46.Rh6 Rxc3+ 47.Kd2 Rxc4 48.Rh7+ Ke6 49.Re7+ Kf6 50.Be5+ Kf5 51.Rxe8 g3 52.Bxg3 Rd4+ 53.Ke3 Rd5 54.Re5+ Rxe5+ 55.Bxe5 Ke6 56.Ke4 Kd7 57.Kd5 c4 58.Kxc4 Ke6 59.Kd4 Kd7 60.Kd5 Kd8 61.Kc6 Kc8 62.d7+ Kd8 63.Bc7+ Ke7 64.d8Q+ Ke6 65.Qd6+ Kf5 66.Qe5+ Kg4 67.Qf4+ Kh5 68.Qg3 Kh6 69.Bf4+ Kh5 70.Qg5#* 1-0 (70) tinymonster (2748)-anhao (2702) Blitz 2022 *)* 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0-0 *(13.Bxc7 h5 14.0-0-0 Rh6 15.Rd4 f5 16.Rhd1 Nc5 17.Rd5 Rc6 18.Re5+ Kf7 19.Rxf5+ Kg6 20.Rdf1 Rxc7 21.Rxf8 Rxf8 22.Rxf8 Nd7 23.Nf4+ Kh6 24.Rh8+ Kg5 25.Ne6+* Normal 1-0 (25) Aborigen100500 (2726)-Normal_one (2695) Rapid 2024*)* 13...0-0-0 14.Rhf1 *(14.Nd4 a6 15.Rde1 Re8 16.Rhf1 f6 17.g4 Bc5 18.Nf5 g6 19.Ng3 e3 20.b4 Bb6 21.Bh6 Ne5 22.h3 Nc4 23.Rf4 Ne5 24.Rxf6 Re7 25.Kb2 Rhe8 26.Kb3 Ba7 27.a4 c6 28.Ne4 Bb8 29.Rxe3 Nd7 30.Rf7 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxh7 Be5 33.Re7 b5 34.a5 Kd8 35.Bg5 Kc7 36.Re6 c5 37.Rxa6 c4+ 38.Kb2 Re2 39.Rxg6 Rf2 40.Be3 Rf3 41.Bd4 Bxd4 42.cxd4 c3+*

43.Kb3 Nf6 44.g5 Ne4 45.Rb6 Nd2+ 46.Ka2 Nc4 47.Rxb5 Rf1 48.Rc5+ 1-0 (48) Benefactorr (2791)-RSUPE_MiRacLe (2647) Blitz 2021*)* 14...g6 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bxf6 Bh6+ 0-1 (16) Arka50 (2856)-Player_06 (2756) Blitz 2024;

B) Other queen moves are less promising, 8...Qe7

B1) 9.Bf4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 g5?! *(10...a6)* 11.Be3 *(11.e6!)* 11...0-0-0 12.Rxd5 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Rxd7 14.Qf5 Hong,A (2504) -Balakrishnan,P (2517) Chess.com INT 2022, ß-ß (51), Ng4! equal.;

B2) 9.Qxd5 Bd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Bf4 a6 12.Be2 Bh3 13.Qe4 f5 Cacheiro Martinez,M (1989)-Agulnick,M (1983) IECC email 2017, 0-1 (40), 14.Qa4 Bg2 15.Rf1! unclear.;

B3) 9.Ne2 Bd7 10.Bxc6 *(10.Bf4)* 10...Bxc6 11.Nd4 Bd7 *(11...Qxe5+ 12.Kd1 0-0-0 13.Re1 Qf6)* 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Qxf7 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qe7 15.Qxe7 Bxe7 16.Be5 Black's bishop pair gives him a tiny edge, Heinemann,E (2104)-Krueger, R (1970) Germany 2019, ß-ß (26).;

C) 8...Qg4 9.Qxd5 *(9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Be3 Qg6 11.Qf2 Qh5 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.0-0 Be7 14.Nd4 Qg6 15.e6 fxe6 16.Nxc6 Bf6 17.Bd4 Rf8 18.Bxf6 Rxf6 19.Qc5 Qf7 20.Ne5 Qh5 21.Qc6+ Ke7 22.Qxc7+ Kf8 23.Nd7+ Kg8 24.Rxf6 h6 25.Rf2 Bf5 26.Raf1 Qe8 27.Ne5 Kh7 28.Qf7 Qb8 29.Rxf5 exf5 30.Qxf5+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kh7 32.Rf7* 1-0 (32) littleplotkin (2740)-Konevlad (3020) Blitz 2022*; 9.Bf4 Qxf3 10.Nxf3 a6 11.Be2 Be6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 0-0-0 15.h4 h5 16.Bg5 Kd7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Rdf1 Rh6 19.Rf4 Rg8 20.Kd2 g5 21.hxg5 Rxg5 22.Rfh4 Rxg3 23.Rxh5 Rxh5 24.Rxh5 Rg2 25.Rh4 Bf5 26.c3 f6 27.Rf4 Ke6 28.exf6 Kxf6 29.Ke3 Ke6 30.Rf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Kd6 32.Ke3 a5 33.a3 b6 34.Kf4 Bc2 35.Kg5 c5 36.Kf4 cxd4 37.cxd4 Be4 38.Ke3 Bc2 39.Kd2 Bf5 40.Ke3 Bd7 41.Kd2 Bf5 42.Ke3 Bd7 43.Kd2 Bf5 44.Ke3* ½-½ (44) SVODMEVKO (2735)-Konevlad (3012) Blitz 2020*)* 9...Bd7 10.Bf4 0-0-0 11.Be2 Qf5 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Qxc6 0-1 (13) DrNykterstein (2885)-Konevlad (2958) Blitz 2020]

[7...Be7

A) 8.Bf4 0-0 9.0-0-0

A1) 9...a6 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Ne2 dxc4 12.Rxd8 Raxd8 13.Qg3 *(13.Rd1 Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1 Rd8+ 15.Ke1 h6 16.g4 Rd5 17.Qe4 b5 18.h3 Bh4+ 19.Kf1 Rd1+* 0-1 (19) Aborigen100500 (2745)-stumpspice (2838) Blitz 2022*)* 13...Rfe8 14.Rd1 b5 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Rxd4 17.cxd4 c6 18.a3 a5 19.c3 Rd8 20.Bg5 Bxg5+ 21.Qxg5 Re8 22.Kd2 h6 23.Qf4 Kf8 24.Ke3 Kg8 25.Kd2 a4 26.g4 Kf8 27.h4 Kg8 28.h5 Bd5 29.g5 hxg5 30.Qxg5 Re6 31.Ke3 Rh6 32.Kf4 Kh7 33.Qf5+ Kg8 34.Kg3 Kh8

35.Qg5 Kg8 36.Qf5 Kh8 37.Kh4 Kg8 38.Qf4 Kh7 39.Kg5 Kg8 40.Qg4 Kh7 41.Qd7 Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Qe8 Re6 44.Qd8 Rh6 45.Qf8 Re6 46.Kh4 Rh6 47.Kg4 Be6+ 48.Kg5 Bd5 49.Qe7 Re6 50.Qd7 Rh6 51.Qc7 Kg8 52.Qd8+ Kh7 ½-½ (52) Aborigen100500 (2748)-beglishankulyyev (2475) Rapid 2025;

A2) 9...Bg5 10.h4 Bxf4+ 11.Qxf4 Qe7 12.Nf3 Be6 13.h5 h6 14.g4 f6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nh4 fxe5 17.Qxe5 Qg5+ 18.Qxg5 hxg5 19.Ng6 Bxg4 20.Rdg1 Bf3 21.Nxf8 Bxh1 22.Ne6 Be4 23.Rxg5 Kf7 24.Nxg7 Kf6 25.Rg3 Rh8 26.Kd2 c5 27.b3 Kf7 28.Rg5 Rh7 29.Nf5 Kf6 30.Rg6+ Kxf5 31.Rc6 Rxh5 32.Rxc5 Kf4 33.Rxc7 Rh2+ 34.Kd1 Ke3 0-1 (34) Ponkratov,P (2662)-Predke,A (2668) Riga LAT 2021;

A3) 9...Be6

A3a) 10.Ne2

A3a1) 10...a6 11.Bxc6 *(11.Bd3 b5 12.Ng3 Bg5 13.h4 Bxf4+ 14.Qxf4 f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qd2 Qf4 17.Ne2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rf2 19.g3 Ne5 20.Rdf1 Raf8 21.Rxf2 Rxf2 22.Ke3 Ng4+ 23.Kd4 Nf6 24.Nf4 Bg4 25.Re1 Kf7 26.a4 Bf3 27.axb5 axb5 28.Nh3* 1-0 (28) BlueGreensun (2721)-supertfc (2569) Blitz 2021 *)* 11...bxc6 12.g4 Rb8 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Rhg1 c5 15.Nf5 c4 16.Be3 c5 17.h4 Rfe8 18.h5 Bf8 19.Rdf1 Qb7 20.b3 cxb3 21.axb3 c4 22.b4 a5 23.bxa5 Qa6 24.Bd4 Qxa5 25.g5 Qa2 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Nxf7+ Bxf7 28.Qxf7 Ba3+ 29.Kd2 Rf8 30.g6 Rxf7 31.gxf7 h6 32.e6 Bf8 33.e7 Bxe7 34.Rxg7 Rb2 35.Rg8+ Kh7 36.Rh8# 1 - 0 (3 6) Under_the_sword_bato (2740)-glc54wac55 (2663) Blitz 2023;

A3a2) 10...Bg5 11.Kb1 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Qg3 Rg6 15.Qe3 Qg5 16.Qxg5 Rxg5 17.g3 Re5 18.Nf4 Bf7 19.Rhe1 Rae8 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Kc1 g5 23.Nd3 Rf5 24.Re1 Kf8 25.Kd2 Bg6 26.Re2 h5 27.Ne5 Be8 28.b4 g4 29.a4 Kg7 30.a5 Rf6 31.Nd3 Kf8 32.Nf4 Bf7 33.Kd3 c5 34.bxc5 Ra6 35.Kd4 Rxa5 36.Nxd5 Ra4+ 37.c4 c6 38.Nf6 Rxc4+ 39.Kd3 Kg7 40.Nxh5+ Kf8 41.Nf6 a5 42.Re5 Rb4 43.c3 Rb2 44.Nxg4 a4 45.Rf5 a3 46.Rf4 a2 47.Ra4 Rb1 48.Ne5 a1Q 49.Rxa1 Rxa1 50.Nxc6 Rh1 51.h4 Rh3 52.Ne5 Rxg3+ 53.Kd4 Rh3 54.c6 Rxh4+ 55.Kc5 Rh5 56.Kd6 Rxe5 57.Kxe5 Ke7 58.c4 Kd8 59.Kd6 Kc8 60.c5 Be8 61.c7 Bd7 62.c6 Bxc6 63.Kxc6 ½-½ (63) schmollie (2713)-

Gutemaus2019 (2696) Blitz 2022;

A3a3) 10...Qd7 11.c4 a6 12.cxd5 axb5 13.dxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.Nd4 Rxa2 16.Nxc6 Bc5 17.Rhe1 Rfa8 18.Rd8+ Rxd8 19.Nxd8 Bd5 20.Kb1 Ra8 21.Bg5 h6 22.Rd1 c6 23.Nb7 Bb6 24.Bf4 Bxg2 25.b3 Be4 26.Nd6 Bd5 27.c4 bxc4 28.bxc4 Be6 29.Rd2 g5 30.Bg3 Kg7 31.Kb2 Kg6 32.Kb3 h5 33.h4 gxh4 34.Bxh4 Be3 35.Rg2+ Bg4 36.Kc3 Bf4 37.Kd4 Ra5 ½-½ (37) satlan (2701)-Bombitto112021 (2562) Blitz 2023;

A3a4) 10...Na5 11.Nd4 c5 12.Nb3 c4 13.Nd4 a6 0-1 (13) littleplotkin (2742)-vvchessli (2746) Blitz 2022;

A3b) 10.Qg3 Bh4 *(10...Kh8 11.Nf3 a6 12.Bd3 Qd7 13.h4 Bf5 14.Ng5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Bxg5 16.hxg5 g6 17.Rh4 Kg7 18.Rdh1 Rh8 19.e6 fxe6 20.Qg3 Raf8 21.Bxc7 Rf5 22.Bb6 e5 23.b3 Qe7 24.Kb2 Qxg5 25.Qh2 h6 26.Bc5 Qd2 27.Qg1 d4 28.cxd4 Rf2 29.Qc1 exd4 30.Qxd2 Rxd2 31.Rg4 Re8 32.Rh3 Ree2 33.b4 Rxc2+ 34.Kb3 Rb2+ 35.Kc4 Ne5+ 36.Kd5 Nxg4 37.Bxd4+ Nf6+ 38.Kc4 Rbc2+ 39.Kb3 Rc6 40.Rf3 Re4 41.a4 Rxd4* 0-1 (41) IDISJUDA (2713)-SiroglanTalibov (2733) Blitz 2023 *)* 11.Qe3 Ne7 12.Nf3 Ng6 13.Nxh4 Qxh4 14.g3 Qd8 15.h4 Bg4 16.Rdf1 Ne7 17.h5 h6 18.Bxh6 Nf5 19.Rxf5 Bxf5 20.Bg5 Qc8 21.h6 Be4 22.Rh4 Bh7 23.hxg7 Re8 24.Bd3 1-0 (24) IDISJUDA (2761)-bananarepublic21 (2778) Blitz 2023;

B) 8.Ne2 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 f6 11.exf6 Rxf6 12.Bf4 Ba6 13.Qe3 Qe8 14.Rf2 Bd6 15.Re1 Re6 Normal 0-1 (15) Gaius_Baltar (2855)-Konevlad (3016) Blitz 2024]

[7...a6 8.Bxc6+ Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' bxc6

A) 9.Qg3

A1) 9...Bf5 10.Nf3 *(10.Bg5 Qb8 11.0-0-0 Qb5 12.Nf3 Rb8 13.b3 Qa5 14.Nd4 Be4 15.e6 Bd6 16.exf7+ Kxf7 17.Rhf1+ Kg8 18.Qg4 h6 19.Bf6 Rh7 20.Be5 Qxc3 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Kb1 h5 24.Qxd6 Rg8 25.Rf8 Rh6 26.Rxg8+ Kxg8 27.Qd8+ Kh7 28.Qg5 c5 29.Qd2 cxd4 30.Qxc3 dxc3 31.a4 Rf6 32.Ka2 Rf2 33.Ka3 Rxc2 34.Kb4 h4 35.a5 Rxg2 36.Kxc3 Rxh2 37.b4 h3 38.b5 axb5 39.Kb3 Bc2+ 40.Kb4 Bxd1 41.a6 Ra2 42.a7 Rxa7* 0-1 (42) Indjic,A (2661)-Kovalev, V (2557) chess.com INT 2025*)* 10...Bxc2 *(10...Qd7 11.Nd4 Bg6 12.Be3 c5 13.Nf3 Be7 14.h4 Bxc2 15.Rc1 Bd3 16.Qxg7 0-0-0 17.Qh6 Rhg8 18.Kf2 Rg6 19.Qf4 f6 20.b4 Rdg8 21.Rhg1 Rg4 22.Qh6 Qf5 23.exf6 Bd6* Kitty Kat: '0-1 Cabello,E (2209)-3. ♘c3 c6 4.♗c4

b5 (2353) USSR 24/455 1977 (9)' 0-1 (28) Cabello,E (2209)-3.♘c3 c6 4. ♗c4 b5 (2353) USSR 24/455 1977 (9) *24.Ke1 Rxg2 25.Rxg2 Rxg2 26.Ng5 Bg3+ 27.Kd1 Qg4+ 28.Nf3 Qxf3#* Kitty Kat: '0-1 Ratsma,M (2209)-Olivier,J (2353) Vaujany op-A 8th 2017 (9)' 0-1 Ratsma,M (2209)-Olivier,J (2353) Vaujany op-A 8th 2017 (9) *)* 11.0-0 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 0-0 13.Nd4 Bxd4 14.cxd4 f6 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Rac1 Be4 17.h3 Rae8 18.Kh2 Re6 19.Qa3 Rf7 20.Bg3 fxe5 21.dxe5 Rg6 22.Qxa6 h5 23.Rxf7 Qxf7 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Qc8+ Kh7 26.Rf8 Rg5 27.Rh8+ Kg6 28.Re8 Qf7 29.Qe6+ Qxe6 30.Rxe6+ Kf5 31.Rxc6 h4 32.e6 hxg3+ 33.Kg1 Kf6 34.Kf1 Re5 35.Rxc7 Rxe6 0-1 (35) Felix_Kuznetsov (2705)-KhatanbaatarGM (2568) Blitz 2024;

A2) 9...Rb8 10.Nf3 g6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.0-0-0 Bf5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Qxc7 Qd8 17.Qe5 0-0 18.Rhf1 Qe7 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.Qc7 c5 21.Nf3 Rc8 22.Qb6 Bb5 23.Re1 Rc6 24.Qb8+ Qf8 25.Qe5 Qf5 26.Qe3 a5 27.g4 Qf6 28.Ne5 Rc8 29.b3 a4 30.Kb2 axb3 31.cxb3 g5 32.Nf3 Rf8 33.Qxg5+ Qxg5 34.Nxg5 Rf2+ 35.Ka3 d4 36.c4 Bd7 37.Nxe6 Bxe6 38.Rxe6 Rxh2 39.Re5 Rg2 40.g5 Kg7 41.Rxc5 Kg6 42.Rd5 Rxg5 43.Rxd4 h5 44.Kb4 Rg4 45.Rd8 h4 46.a4 h3 47.Rh8 Rg3 48.a5 Kg5 49.a6 1-0 (49) ice2breaker (2706)-SargisSargsyan (2618) Blitz 2020;

B) 9.Qf2 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Bd4 Rae8 14.b4 f6 15.Qg3 Bxf3 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Rxf3 Bxd4+ 18.cxd4 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 Re6 20.Rf1 ½-½ (20) Mondry,M (2468)-Leisebein,P (2452) Remote email 2014;

C) 9.Ne2 Kitty Kat: 'N' 9...Qh4+ *(9...Bc5 10.Qg3 Rg8 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qxg8+ Bf8* 1-0 (13) Aborigen100500 (2717)-Raptor888 (2576) Blitz 2022 *)*

C1) 10.g3 -0.57/19 Qg4 Kitty Kat: ' ∓!' 11.Qf2 -1.12/20 *(11.Qxg4∓* -0.45/23 *Bxg4 12.Nf4)*

C1a) 11...Qf5 -0.26/21 White is weak on the light squares 12.Qe3 -1.57/20 *(12.Be3=* -0.26/21 remains equal. *)*

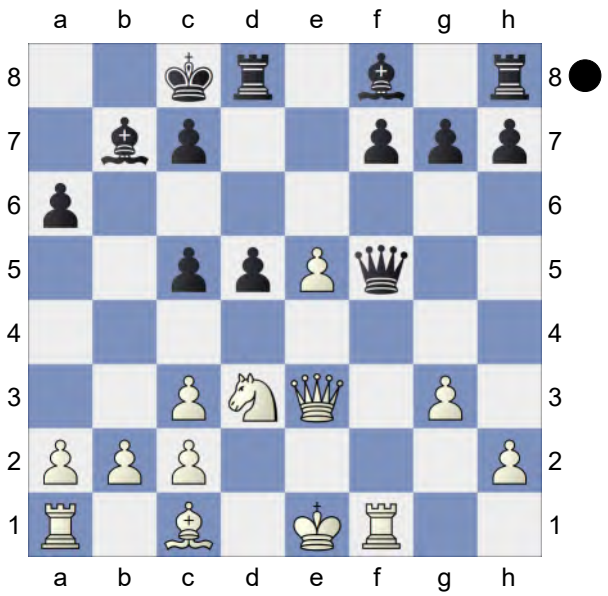
C1a1) ⌓12...Qxc2 -1.57/20 ...Bg4 would now be deadly. 13.Nd4 Qg6 *(13...Qg2 14.Rf1∓)*;

C1a2) 12...c5 -0.81/22 13.Nf4

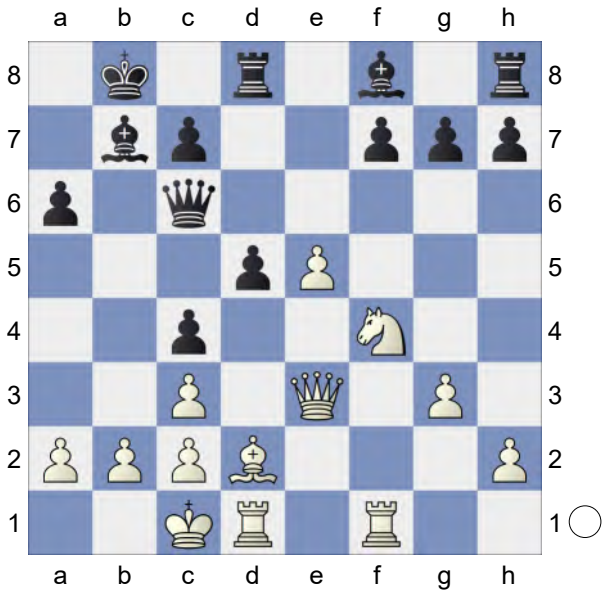
C1a21) 13...Qxc2?! 14.e6 *(14.Nxd5 Bb7=)* 14...Bd6 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.0-0=;

C1a22) 13...Bb7 Hoping for ...d4. 14.Rf1 0-0-0 15.Nd3

(Diagram)



Qe6 -0.45/25 *(15...Qg6!∓* -1.06/21 Strongly threatening ...c4. *16.Qf2 c4)* 16.Bd2 c4 -0.03/22 *(16...d4!∓* -0.68/20 *17.Qe2 Re8 18.cxd4 cxd4)* 17.Nf4= Qc6 18.0-0-0 Kb8 0.73/19 *(18...Re8=* 0.06/20 keeps the balance. *)*



19.Qe2 0.04/19 *(19.Ne2!±* 0.73/19 *)* 19...Bc5 20.Be3 Rhe8 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Kb1 -0.25/23 *(⌓22.Rfe1* 0.11/20 *)* 22...f6 23.e6 Re7 24.Qg4 Bc8 25.h4 c6 0.51/20 *(Better is 25...Qc6=* -0.21/23 *)* 26.Rfe1 0.00/22 *(26.h5!±* 0.51/20 *)* 26...g6 27.Re2 Rde8 28.Rde1 Qd6 29.a3 Ka8 *(29...f5?! 30.Qg5±)* 30.Ka2 Kb7 *(30...f5 31.Qg5+-)* 31.Re3 Ka8 32.R1e2 Rb7 And now ... Qb8 would win. *(32...f5 33.Qg5±)* 33.Re1 Rbe7 *(33...d4* keeps more tension. *34.Qd1 g5 35.Nh5 c5)* 34.Ka1 Qc5 35.Qf3 g5 0.70/23 *(35...Qd6=* 0.17/23 *)* 36.Nh5± Rxe6 3.67/24 A mistake that costs the game. *(36...Qb6!±* 0.61/23 *)* 37.Rxe6+- Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Bxe6 39.Qxf6± Endgame. KQB-KQN Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KQB-KQN' *(39.Nxf6 gxh4 40.gxh4 Qg1+ 41.Ka2 Qg6=)* 39...Qe3 40.Qd8+ 2.14/22 *(40.hxg5 Qc1+ 41.Ka2 Qxc2=; 40.Qxg5 Qxg5 41.hxg5 Bg4=; ⌓40.Qh8+* 3.67/22 *Ka7 41.Qxh7+ Kb8 42.Ka2)* 40...Kb7+-

C1a221) 41.Qxg5 Qxg5 42.hxg5 Bf5=;

C1a222) 41.hxg5 Bf5 42.a4 Qc1+ *(42...Bxc2 43.Qd7+ Kb6 44.Qd8+ Kb7*

45.Qd7+ Kb6 46.Qd8+ Kb7=) 43.Ka2 Qxc2 44.Qe7+ Kc8 45.Qe8+ Kc7 46.Qe5+ Kb7 47.Qe7+ Kc8 48.Qf8+ Kd7 49.Nf6+ Kc7 50.Ne8+ Kd7 51.Nf6+ Kc7 52.Ne8+ Kd7 53.Nf6+=;

C1a223) 41.Qe7+ Kb6? 7.33/20 *(41...Ka8* 1.89/21 *)* 42.Ng7 *(* Inferior is *42.hxg5 Qc1+ 43.Ka2 Qxc2=; 42.Qxg5 Qxg5 43.hxg5 Bf5±)* 42...Qc1+ 43.Ka2 Bg4

C1a2231) Less strong is 44.hxg5 Qxc2 45.Qb4+ Ka7±;

C1a2232) ⌓44.Ne8 #7/19 Qxb2+ 45.Kxb2 d4 46.Qc7+ *(46.Qxg5 dxc3+ 47.Kxc3 Bd7 48.Qd8+ Kb5 49.Nd6+ Kc5 50.Nxc4 Kd5 51.Qxd7+ Ke4 52.Qd3#)* 46...Kb5 47.a4+ Decoy *(47.Qxh7 dxc3+ 48.Kxc3 Bh3 49.Qc7 Bf1 50.a4+* Decoy *Kxa4 51.Qxc6+ Ka5 52.Qc5+ Ka4 53.Qb4#)* 47...Kxa4 48.Qxc6+ *(48.cxd4 c3+ 49.Kxc3 Be2 50.Qxc6+ Bb5 51.Qc5 a5 52.Nd6 gxh4 53.Qxb5+ Ka3 54.Qxa5#)* 48...Ka5 49.Qc5+ Ka4 50.Qb4#;

C1a2233) 44.Qb4+ 5.55/20 44...Ka7 45.Ne8 White wants to mate with Nd6. Qxc2? 7.05/25 *(45...Qe3* 3.36/18 *)* 46.Qe7+ *(* Not *46.hxg5 Bd7 47.Nd6 Qb3+ 48.Qxb3 cxb3+ 49.Kxb3 Kb6±)* 46...Kb6 47.Qc7+ White mates. Kc5 48.Qa7+ Kb5 49.Nc7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.55 1-0 (49) Yip,C (2404)-Sokolovsky,Y (2415) chess24.com INT 2021 The Week in Chess 1397 [Kitty Kat];

C1b) 11...Qe4!∓ -1.12/20 12.Rf1 Be6 *(12...Qxc2 13.Qxf7+ Kd8 14.Bg5+)*;

C1c) 11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nd4 Qg6 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Bc5+ 16.Kg2 Rae8 17.Qxg6 hxg6 18.Re1 Re6 19.Bf4 Rfe8 20.Kf1 d4 21.c4 Bb4 22.Re4 c5 23.a3 Ba5 24.Rb1 c6 25.b4 Bb6 26.Ree1 cxb4 27.axb4 a5 28.c5 Bc7 29.b5 cxb5 30.Rxb5 a4 31.Ra1 Bxe5 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxa4 Rf5+

34.Kg2 Re2+ 35.Kh3 Rxc2 36.Rxd4 Rfxc5 37.Rxc5 Rxc5 38.Rd2 Kf8 39.Kg2 Rb5 40.Re2 Rb3 41.h3 g5 42.Kh2 g6 43.Kg2 f5 44.Ra2 Kg7 45.Ra7+ Kh6 46.Ra4 Rb2+ 47.Kg1 Rc2 48.Kh1 Re2 49.Kg1 Rb2 50.Kh1 Rc2 51.Kg1 Rd2 52.Kh1 Rf2 53.Kg1 Re2 54.Rb4 Ra2 55.Kh1 Kh5 56.Kg1 g4 57.hxg4+ fxg4 58.Rb5+ g5 59.Kh1 Rf2 60.Rb6 Rf3 61.Kg2 Ra3 62.Rc6 Ra2+ 63.Kg1 Re2 64.Kf1 Ra2 65.Kg1 Ra1+ 66.Kg2 Ra2+ 67.Kg1 ½-½ (67) Aborigen100500 (2730)-razzaqomari (2669) Rapid 2025;

C2) Kitty Kat: ' White should try' 10.Ng3 -0.03/21 Kitty Kat: '=' '=' 10...Qg4 11.Qf2 Be7 12.0-0 *(12.Be3 Be6 13.Bc5 Bh4 14.Rd1 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qf5 16.Qd4 Qxc2 17.0-0 h5 18.b3 Qe4 19.Qxe4 dxe4 20.Rf4 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Rxe4 Kc8 23.Kf2 Rd8 24.Rd4 Rd5 25.Rxd5 cxd5 ½-½ (25) RaFenacht,M (2529)-Oliveira,M (2454) ICCF 2019)* 12...0-0 13.Be3 f6 *(13...Qg6 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Qxf5 16.Rxf5 a5 17.a4 Rab8 18.b3 c5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.g3 Rb6 21.Kg2 g6 22.Rf2 Re6 23.h4 c6 24.Bf4 Rb8 25.Kh3 h5 26.Rf3* ½-½ (26) Frendzas,P (2543)-Tylecek,D (2048) LSS 2020*)* 14.Bc5 Bxc5 15.Qxc5 Qe6 16.Rae1 f5 17.Ne2 Qxe5 18.Qxc6 Rb8 19.Nf4 Qd6 20.Qxd6 cxd6 21.b3 1-0 (21) satlan (2758)-notrashopenings (2640) Blitz 2023]

[7...Bc5

A) 8.Bf4 0-0 *(8...Bf5 9.0-0-0 Be4 10.Qg3 0-0 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Rhe1 Qc8 13.Bd3 Qf5 14.Nh4 Qe6 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Kb1 Rad8 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Bg5 Rd5 19.b4 Bb6 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Nf5 Qxe5 22.Rxe4* 1-0 (22) satlan (2740)-toomanymanoevres (2885) Blitz 2023 *)* 9.0-0-0 Ne7 *(9...Be6 10.Ne2 Qh4 11.h3 a6 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.g4 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Qg3 Qf7 16.Rhf1 Bd6 17.g5 Rxf4 18.Nxf4 Rf8 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.g6+* 1-0 (20) Forester_19 (2714)-notkevich (2720) Blitz 2024*)* 10.Ne2 Bf5 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.h4 c6 13.Be2 Qa5 14.h5 Be4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Qxa2 17.Bd3 g6 18.b4 Bb6 19.Bg5 Nd5 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Kd2 Rf2+ 22.Ke1 Raf8 23.Rxh7 Rf1+ 24.Bxf1 Bf2+ 25.Kd2 Kxh7 26.Bd3 Rg8 27.Rh1+ Kg7 28.Qxg6+ Kf8 29.Bh6+ Ke7 30.Qh7+ Ke6 31.Qxg8+ Kxe5 32.Qe8+ Kd6 33.Bf8+ Kc7 34.Rh7+ Kb6 35.Qd8+ 1-0 (35) satlan (2740)-Viktor_Solovyov (2645) Blitz 2023;

B) 8.Ne2 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Qxg4 Bxe3 12.Nd4 Qe8 0-1 (12) Esipenko,A (2693)-Le Tuan Minh (2598) chess.com INT 2025;

C) 8.Qg3 Bf5 *(8...Kf8 9.Nf3 Ne7 10.Bg5 c6 11.Bd3 Qb6 12.0-0-0 Nf5 13.Bxf5 Bxf5 14.Rhf1 Be3+ 15.Kb1 h6 16.Bxe3 Qxe3 17.Rde1 Qb6 18.e6 Bxe6 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qd6+ Kg8*

21.Qxe6+ Kh7 22.Qf5+ Kg8 23.Ne5 Qe3 24.Qf7+ Kh7 25.Qg6+ Kg8 26.Ng4 Qg5 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Nh7+ 1-0 (28) Aborigen100500 (2716)-Metadust (2691) Blitz 2022*)* 9.Nf3 Bg6 *(9...0-0 10.Bd3 Qd7 11.Bf4 f6 12.0-0-0 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 c6 16.Rf3 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Rf8 18.f4 Bd6 19.Re1 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Qe6 21.b3 a5 22.a4 Rf5 23.Kb2 c5 24.Qh4 b6 25.Qd8+ Rf8 26.Qc7 Re8 27.h4 h6 28.h5 Re7 29.Qd8+ Re8 30.Qh4 Qf5 31.Qh2 c4 32.Qg3 cxb3 33.cxb3 Re7 34.Qe3 Qe6 35.Qd4 Rf7 36.Rd1 Rf5 37.Qxd5 Qxd5 38.Rxd5 Rxh5 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.e6 Re5 41.Rd6 h5 42.Rxb6 h4 43.Rb5 Rxe6 44.Rxa5 h3 45.Rd5 g5 46.Rxg5 h2 47.Rh5+ Rh6 48.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 49.Ka3 Kg6 50.b4 Kf6 51.b5 Ke6 52.Kb4 Kd6 53.a5 Kc7 54.c4 Rh5 55.c5 Rh4+ 56.Kb3 Kb7 57.Kc3 Ra4 58.a6+ Ka7 59.Kb3 Rh4 60.Kc3 Ra4 61.Kb3 Ra1 62.Kc4 Rb1 63.c6 Kb6 64.a7 Kxa7 65.Kc5 Rc1+ 66.Kd6 Kb6 67.Kd7 Rd1+ 68.Kc8 Rh1 69.Kd7 Rd1+ 70.Kc8 Rd2 71.c7 Rc2 72.Kd7 Rxc7+ 73.Kd6 Rc5 74.Ke6 Rxb5 75.Kd6 Rc5 76.Ke6 Kc6 77.Ke7 Rd5 78.Kf6 Kd6 79.Kf7 Re5 80.Kf6 Kd5 81.Kf7 Re6 82.Kg7 Kd6 83.Kf7 Kd7 84.Kf8 Re7 85.Kg8 Ke6 86.Kf8 Kf6 87.Kg8 Rf7* 0-1 (87) Aborigen100500 (2747)-cann001 (2527) Rapid 2023*)* 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.h4 h5 13.Rhe1 Rae8 14.Bf4 a6 15.Bc4 Ne7 16.e6 fxe6 17.Ne5 Qa4 18.Nxg6 Nxg6 19.Qxg6 Qxc4 20.g3 d4 21.cxd4 Bxd4 22.Qd3 Qxa2 23.Qxd4 Rd8 24.Be5 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qxb2 26.Ke3 Rxd4 27.Bxd4 Qxc2 28.Rd2 Rf3+ 29.Kxf3 Qxd2 30.Re4 Qd3+ 31.Be3 Qd5 32.Bf4 c5 33.Ke3 b5 34.Re5 Qd4+ 35.Ke2 b4 36.Rg5 b3 37.Be5 Qxe5+ 38.Rxe5 b2 0-1 (38) Aborigen100500 (2751)-Norbertt_9 (2538) Rapid 2025]

[7...Bd7 8.Bf4 a6 9.Bd3 g5 10.Bg3 Qe7 11.0-0-0 h5 12.Qxd5 0-0-0 13.Nf3 h4 14.Bf2 g4 15.Nd4 Nxe5 16.Bxa6 Bc6 17.Qa5 Bxg2 18.Be2 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Bd6 20.Rhg1 1-0 (20) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Corujedo Hernandez,R (2403) ICCF Email 2005]

8.Bxc6+

[8.Ne2 a6 *(8...Bc5 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.Qxe3 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qe7 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Rhe1 Rfe8 16.Nb3 Bf5 17.Qc5 Qg5+ 18.Kb1 Bg4 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.Nd4 Qg6 21.c4 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Rab8 23.b3 h6 24.Re3 Rb6 25.Rce1 Be6 26.Qc5 Bd5 27.Kb2 Qg5 28.c4 Bg2 29.Qa5 Rd8 30.Qc3 c5 31.Ne2 Bh3 32.Nf4 Be6 33.Rd3 Rxd3 34.Qxd3 Rb8 35.Qe3 Qe7 36.Nd3 Bxc4 37.Qxc5 Qxc5 38.Nxc5 Bd5 39.Na6 Rc8 40.Rc1 c6 41.Nb4 Re8 42.Re1 f6 43.Nd3 Kf7 44.Kc3 fxe5 45.Nxe5+ Kg8 46.Kd4 Rf8 47.Re2 Rf1 48.Rc2 Rd1+ 49.Kc5 Be4 50.Re2 Rd5+ 51.Kc4 Rxe5 52.Kd4 Rd5+ 53.Kxe4 Kf7 54.Rc2 Rd6 55.Rc5 Rd2 56.Ra5 Rxh2 57.Rxa7+ Ke6 58.a4 Rb2 59.Rb7 g5 60.a5 Ra2 61.b4 h5 62.Rb6 Kd7 63.Kf5 h4 64.g4 h3 65.Kxg5 h2 66.Rb7+ Ke6 67.Rh7*

c5 68.bxc5 Kd5 69.a6 Kxc5 70.a7 Kd4 71.Rxh2 Rxa7 72.Kg6 Ra6+ 73.Kh5 Ra8 74.Re2 Kd3 75.Re6 Kd4 76.g5 Kd5 77.Re2 Rh8+ 78.Kg6 Rg8+ 79.Kh6 Rh8+ 80.Kg7 Ra8 81.g6 Ra7+ 82.Kh6 Ra8 83.g7 Ra6+ 84.Kh7 Ra7 85.Kh8 Ra8+ 86.g8Q+ Rxg8+ 87.Kxg8 Kd4 88.Kf7 Kd3 89.Re6 Kc4 90.Kf6 Kc3 91.Ke5 Kb2 92.Rd6 Kc3 93.Rd4 Kc2 94.Ke4 Kc3 95.Ke3 Kc2 96.Rc4+ Kb2 97.Kd3 Kb1 98.Kd2 Kb2 99.Rb4+ Ka3 100.Kc3 Ka2 101.Rb3 Ka1 102.Kc2 1-0 (102) Nakamura,H (2802)-Firouzja,A (2767) Paris FRA 2024 *)* 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nd4 Qd7 11.Be3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rae1 c5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Qe6 16.Qh5 a5 17.Rf3 a4 18.Rh3 Qg6 19.Qe2 Rfb8 20.Rg3 Qe6 21.Qh5 Rxb2 22.Bh6 g6 23.Qf3 Rab8 0-1 (23) Gaius_Baltar (2828)-Nozdrachev,V (2515) Blitz 2023]

[8.Qg3

A) 8...Qd7 9.Nf3 a6 10.Bxc6 *(10.Bd3 h6 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Kb8 13.Kb1 g5 14.Nd4 Bg7 15.Nxc6+ Qxc6 16.Rhf1 Rhe8 17.h4 g4 18.Qf4 Re7 19.Qd4 Kc8 20.Be2 Rde8 21.c4 dxc4 22.Qa7 b6 23.b3 Qb7 24.Qxb7+ Kxb7 25.bxc4 h5 26.Bg5 Bxe5 27.Bxe7 Rxe7 28.Bd3 Bg3 29.Rf6 Rd7 30.Be4+ Kc8 31.Rxd7 Kxd7 32.Bd5 Bxh4 33.Bxe6+ fxe6 34.Rh6 Bf2 35.Rxh5 g3 36.Kc1 Kd6 37.Kd2 a5 38.Kd3 Be1 39.a4 Bf2 40.c3 Kc6 41.Rh6 Kd6 42.Rh5 c6 43.Rh8 Kc5 44.Re8 Kd6 45.Ke4 Be1 46.Rd8+ Kc7 47.Rd3 Bf2 48.Ke5 b5 49.cxb5 cxb5 50.axb5 Kb6 51.c4 a4 52.Ra3 Ka5 53.c5 Bxc5 54.Ra2 Kxb5 55.Kxe6 a3 56.Kd5 Bf8 57.Ke4 Kb4 58.Kf3 Bd6 59.Rd2 Be5 60.Rd5 a2 61.Rd2 a1Q* 0-1 (61) DrGoodstein2986 (2701)-MikeGScarn (2867) Blitz 2020*)* 10...Qxc6 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.0-0 Bc5 13.a4 0-0 14.Bh6 g6 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.Kh1 Be7 17.a5 c6 18.h3 Bd8 19.b4 Qe7 20.Nb3 Bc7 21.Rae1 Re8 22.Nc5 Bc8 23.Nd3 Kh8 24.Qf2 Bf5 25.Nc5 Bxe5 26.g4 Be4+ 27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Rxe4 f6 29.Re3 Kg7 30.g5 fxg5 31.Rfe1 Qd6 32.Qe2 Kf6 33.Rf1+ Kg7 34.Qc4 Re7 35.Ref3 Bf4 36.Qd4+ Qxd4 37.cxd4 Re4 38.c3 Kf6 39.Kg2 h5 40.Kf2 Kf5 41.Rd3 g4 42.hxg4+ Kxg4 43.Rg1+ Kf5 44.c4 g5 45.d5 cxd5 46.cxd5 Bd6 47.Rf1 Rf4+ 48.Ke2 Rxf1 49.Kxf1 g4 50.Re3 h4 51.Re6 Bxb4 52.Re8 h3 53.Kf2 Bc5+ 54.Kg3 Bd6+ 55.Kf2 Kf4 56.Re6 g3+ 57.Ke2 g2 58.Rg6 Bc5 59.Rf6+ Ke5 60.Rf8 Bxf8 0-1 (60) DrGoodstein2986 (2707)-MikeGScarn (2862) Blitz 2020;

B) 8...a6 9.Bd3 Ne7 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.h4 Bc5 12.h5 Ne7 13.h6 g6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Bf6 Rg8 16.Ng5 0-0-0 17.Nxh7 d4 18.c4 Nf5 19.Qf3 Bb4+ 20.Kf2 Ne3 21.Ng5 Ng4+ 22.Kg1 Nxf6 23.Qxf6 Be7 24.Qf4 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Rh8 26.h7 Bf5 27.Rf1 f6 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Qxf5 fxe5 30.Qxe5 Rxh7 31.Rxh7 Qxh7 32.Qf5+ Qxf5 33.Rxf5 d3 34.cxd3 Rxd3 35.b3 Rd2 36.Rf2 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 b6 38.g4 Rd4 39.Kg3 Rd3+ 40.Kh4 Rd1 41.g5 Rh1+ 42.Kg3 Rg1+

43.Rg2 Re1 44.g6 Re8 45.Kf4 Rg8 46.Kf5 Kd8 47.Kf6 Ke8 48.g7 c5 49.Re2+ 1-0 (49) Qay13 (2710)-kuzuboslugu (2671) Blitz 2022]

8...bxc6 9.Qg3 Rb8

[9...h5 10.Nf3 h4 11.Qf4 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Be3 c5 14.Nd2 a5 15.Nb3 Qb8 16.Nxc5 Qxb2 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qg4 Qxc3 19.Qxe6+ Kh7 20.Qxe7 Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 h3 22.Rxf8 hxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Qe2+ 24.Rf2 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 1-0 (25) Felix_Kuznetsov (2705)-Yiyi1984 (2632) Blitz 2024]

10.Nf3 Qd7 11.0-0 h6 12.b4 c5 13.a3 g5 14.Be3 d4 15.Bf2 dxc3 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Rb2 20.Rf2 Ra2 21.h4 Rxa3 22.hxg5 Rg8 23.gxh6 Rxg3 24.h7 Ke7 25.h8Q Rg6 26.Bc5+ 1-0 (26) L S G e n e r a a l (2 9 2 6) - Art_Vandelay1998 (2802) Blitz 2021

7.Qxc3 Tony Kosten: '?!' 7...Qh4+

[7...Bd7 8.Nf3 Rey,F (1970)-Van Beers,E (2165) Val Thorens 1994, ß-ß (42).]

8.Kf1

[8.g3?? Qe4+]

8...Bd7 9.Nf3 Qh5 10.Bxc6

[10.d4 0-0-0 the white king is awkwardly placed, Toloza Soto,P (2385)-Cortes Moyano,J (2295) Santiago de Chile 1997, 0-1 (59).]

10...Bxc6 11.d4 Be7 12.h3 0-0 13.g4 Qg6 14.Kg2 f6 15.Re1 f5 16.g5 h6 17.h4 Qh5 18.Kf2 hxg5 19.Bxg5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 f4 21.Rh1 Qg6 22.Rh4 Rf5 23.Rg1 a5 24.Rgh1 Ra6 25.Qd3 Kf7 26.e6+ Kxe6 27.Re1+ Kd6 28.Qa3+ Kd7 29.Qe7+ Kc8 30.Rh8+ 1-0 (30) FastCalculate (2810)-Statham_13 (2576) Blitz 2023

59 **7...Qh4+** Breutigam,Martin: 'look any better, e.g.' Lukacs,Peter: 'is also worthy of consideration:' Breutigam,Martin: ', z.B.' 8.g3 Qe4+ 9.Qxe4

[9.Kf2 Bd7 10.d4 Qxc2+ 11.Ne2 Qe4 12.Qxe4 dxe4 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Nf4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 1-0 (15) Dubov,D (2707)-Kargosha,B (2028) chess.com INT 2024]

9...dxe4 10.Ne2

[10.d4 exd3 11.cxd3 Bd7 Lukacs,Peter: '∓'

A) 12.Rb1 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Kd2 b6 15.d4 Nc6 *(15...Nc4+ 16.Kd3 Nd6 17.Nf3 f6 18.c4 Rd8 19.a4 Nb7 20.Kc2 Na5 21.Kc3 c5 22.d5 Bd6 23.Kd3 Rhe8 24.Bd2 Nb7 25.a5 Bc7 26.Nh4 Nd6 27.Bf4 Ne4 28.Rhf1 Bxf4 29.Rxf4 Nd6 30.Nf5 Nxf5 31.Rxf5 Kc7 32.g4 Re7 33.g5 fxg5 34.Rxg5 Rde8 35.Rg3 g6 36.axb6+ axb6 37.d6+ Kxd6 38.Rxb6+ Kc7 39.Ra6 Kb7 40.Ra5 Kb6 41.Rb5+ Kc6 42.Ra5 Rb7 43.Rg5 Rd7+ 44.Kc2 Re2+ 45.Kc3 Re3+ 46.Kc2 Re2+ 47.Kc3 Re3+ 48.Kc2 Re2+* ½-½ (48) Tari,A (2656)-Navarrete Mendez,G (2185) chess.com INT 2022 *)* 16.Nf3 Bd6 17.Kd3 Rhe8 18.Bd2 f6 19.g4 Re7 20.h4 Rae8 21.h5 Re4 22.Ne5+ R4xe5 23.dxe5 Nxe5+ 24.Kc2 Nxg4 25.Rbe1 Rf8 26.h6 g6 27.Rhg1 f5 28.Bg5 Rf7 29.Re2 Ne5 30.Rf1 Nc4 31.a4 a6 32.Kb3 b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.Rfe1 f4 35.Re8 f3 36.Rg8 Bg3 37.Rg7 Nd6 38.Rf1 Be5 39.Rxf7+ Nxf7 40.Bd2 g5 41.Rxf3 Nxh6 42.Bxg5 Ng4 43.Rf7+ Kc6 44.Rxh7 Bd6 45.Rh4

Ne5 46.Re4 Nc4 47.Re2 Nb6 48.Kc2 Nd5 49.Kd3 Nb6 50.Re4 Bc5 51.Be3 Bd6 52.Bxb6 Kxb6 53.c4 b4 54.Kc2 Kc5 55.Kb3 Kc6 56.Rg4 Kc5 57.Rg5+ Kc6 58.Rd5 Kb6 59.Rxd6+ cxd6 60.Kxb4 Kc6 61.Kc3 Kc5 62.Kd3 d5 63.cxd5 Kxd5 ½-½ (63) ice2breaker (2775)-interestinglandscape (2600) Blitz 2023;

B) 12.Nf3 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.Kf2 0-0-0 15.Ng5 Re8 16.d4 f6 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.c4 c5 19.d5 Re4 20.Nd2 Re7 21.Bb2 Rhe8 22.Rae1 g6 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Nf3 Re4 25.Rc1 f5 26.Ng5 Re7 27.Ne6 Be5 28.Ba3 b6 29.Kf3 Bf6 30.Rc2 Ne5+ 31.Kg2 Nf7 32.Bc1 Re8 33.h3 Kd7 34.Bf4 Be5 35.Bc1 Nd6 36.g4 h5 37.gxh5 gxh5 38.Kf3 Rg8 39.Bg5 Ne4 40.h4 Bf6 41.Kf4 Bxg5+ 42.hxg5 Nd6 43.Rh2 Nxc4 44.Rxh5 Kd6 45.Kxf5 Ne3+ 46.Kf6 Nxd5+ 47.Kf7 Rb8 48.Ng7 Rb7+ 49.Kg6 Nf4+ 50.Kh6 Rxg7 51.Rh4 Rf7 52.g6 Nxg6 53.Kxg6 Re7 54.Ra4 a5 55.Kf5 Re5+ 56.Kf6 Rd5 57.Kf7 Rd4 58.Ra3 Kc6 59.Rh3 Kb5 60.Ke6 Re4+ 61.Kd5 Ra4 62.Ke5 Rxa2 63.Rb3+ Kc6 64.Rh3 Ra4 65.Rh7 Kb5 66.Rb7 Rb4 67.Kd6 a4 68.Kc7 Kc4 69.Ra7 Kb3 70.Kc6 a3 71.Kd5 c4 0-1 (71) Jamorris94 (2766)-jeromeovich (2580) Blitz 2022;

C) 12.d4 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.Ne2 Bd6 15.0-0 Nb6 *(15...0-0 16.Bf4 Nb6 17.Rf2 Rfe8 18.Raf1 f6 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.Nf4 Rac8 21.Rf3 Na4 22.Nd5 Nb6 23.Nf4 Re7 24.h4 Rec7 25.Re1 Rxc3 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Re7 Rxg3+ 28.Kf2 Ra3 29.Ne6 Rxa2+ 30.Kg1 Ra1+ 31.Kg2 g5 32.Rg7+ Kh8 33.Rf7 h5 34.hxg5 fxg5 35.Nxg5 Ra5 36.Ne6 Rb5 37.Rxb7 a5 38.Nc7 Rb2+ 39.Kh3 a4 40.Ne8 Rb3+ 41.Kh4 Nd5 42.Ra7 a3 43.Nxd6 Nb4 44.Kg5 Kg8 45.Nf5 a2 46.Kg6 Nc6 47.Ra8+ Rb8 48.Rxa2 Rb6 49.Ra8+ Rb8 50.Ra6 Nb4 51.Rf6 Re8 52.Nh6+ Kh8 53.Rf7 Re6+ 54.Kxh5 Nd5 55.Ng4 Kg8 56.Rf5 Ne7 57.Rg5+ Kf7 58.Re5 Ra6 59.Kg5 Ng8 60.Rf5+ Kg7 61.Re5 Rg6+ 62.Kf4 Ra6 63.Rg5+ Kf7 64.Rf5+ Ke6 65.Re5+ Kd6 66.Ne3 Ne7 67.Nf5+ Nxf5 68.Kxf5 Ra4 69.Ke4 Ra1 70.Rh5 Re1+ 71.Kd3 Rg1 72.Rh6+ Ke7 73.Ke4 Rg4+ 74.Kd5 Rg5+ 75.Kc4 Rg1 76.Rh4 Rc1+ 77.Kd5 Re1 78.Re4+ Kd8 79.Rxe1 Kd7 ½-½ (79) Romaa2011 (2724)-ZodabwitsaIM (2768) Blitz 2024)* 16.Nf4 0-0-0 17.Nh5 g6 18.Nf6 Be7 19.Bg5 Nd5 20.Rae1 Nxf6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Rd7 23.Ref1 Rf8 24.Kg2 Re7 25.R1f2 Kd7 26.h4 Ke8 27.Kf3 Re6 28.Kg4 Ke7 29.R6f3 f5+ 30.Kg5 Re4 31.Rf4 Rxf4 32.gxf4 Kf7 33.Re2 Kg7 34.h5 h6+ 35.Kh4 gxh5 36.Kxh5 Rf7 37.Rg2+ Kf6 38.Rg6+ Ke7 39.Kxh6 Rf6 40.Kg5 Rxg6+ 41.Kxg6 Ke6 42.c4 c6 43.a4 a5 44.c5 1-0 (44) Romaa2011 (2786)-Nefer-Pitou (2705) Blitz 2024]

[10.Bxc6+ bxc6 is good for Black, 11.Ne2

A) 11...Rb8 12.a4 c5 *(12...h5!?)* 13.Rf1 g5!? Hromadka,K-Bolland,P

Bromley/ London 1925, 1-0 (45).;
B) 11...h5!?;
C) 11...Bh3 Lukacs,Peter: '!?' 12.Nf4 Bg4 13.d4 g5 *(* Tseitlin and Glazkov suggest *13...exd3 14.cxd3 0-0-0 15.d4 c5 16.h3 Bf5 17.Be3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Bb4+ 19.Kf2 g5 20.Ne2 h6* as being slightly better for Black, an assessment that looks reasonable because White's pieces are inhibited by his pawns*)* 14.Ng2 Be7 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne3 h5 17.Rb1 0-0-0 and Black stood quite well in Hromadka-Bogoljubow, Mahrisch-Ostrau 1923. 18.a4= Hromadka-Bogoljubov, Mahrisch-Ostrau 1923;
D) 11...Ba6?! 12.Rf1 c5?! *(12...g5 13.Rf6 0-0-0 14.Rxc6 Bb7 15.Rf6 Bd5 16.d4±* Hromadka-Johner Pistyan 1922*)* 13.Rf4 Bb7 14.c4 g6 15.Rb1 Bc6 16.Nc3 f5 17.exf6 Bd6 18.Rf2 Kf7 19.Ba3 Rhe8 20.Ke2 a6 was Vulfson-Lilienthal, Kuibyshev 1942, and nowLukacs,Peter: '(Vulfson-Lilienthal, Kuibyshev 1942)' 21.g4 seems rather good for White Lukacs,Peter: '±';
E) but Tartakower's suggestion of 11...c5 looks quite promising Lukacs,Peter: 'Tartakower';
F) 11...Be7
F1) 12.Rf1 0-0! 13.Rf4 f6 14.Rxe4 This was a time-consuming operation! Bf5 Now the ⧉ begins to work.
F1a) 15.Rc4 fxe5 16.Rxc6 Bh3∓ is even worse for White. *(16...Bd6* Hromadka-Spielmann, Trencianska Teplice 1928 *)*;
F1b) 15.Re3 fxe5 16.Rxe5 Bd6 17.Re3 Bxc2 18.Nd4 Ba4;
F1c) 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Re3 Bxc2= Hromadka-Krticka, Rakovnik 1940;
F2) 12.d4 exd3 13.cxd3 Bf5∓ ⧉;
F3) 12.Nd4! Bd7 13.0-0± Sozin *(13.Rf1 0-0 14.Rf4 c5 15.Nb3 Rae8 16.Rxe4 Bf5 17.Re2 Bxc2∓* Kazic-Poljakov, JUG-ch Novi Sad 1945 *)*;
G) 11...Bc5 12.d4 exd3 13.cxd3 0-0 14.d4 Be7 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Rf2 *(16.Re1 Rab8 17.Nf4* Kobus,S (2080)-Bukowska,K (2002) Kolobrzeg 2010, 1-0 (45), *Bc4* with advantage.*)* 16...Rab8 17.Nf4 Bc4 18.Ng2 Rfd8 19.h4 h6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Bb2 c5! the black bishops dominate, Vojta,T (2370)-Spacek,P (2408) Czech Republic 2011, althoiugh 1-0 (97). Breutigam,Martin: ' ∓' Breutigam, Martin: '1-0 (97) Vojta,T (2370)-Spacek,P (2408) Czechia 2011']
10...Bd7 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nd4 Bd5 13.Rf1 Bc5 14.Nb3 Be7 15.a4 0-0 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Rae8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.e6 f5 20.a5 b6 21.axb6 axb6 22.Nb3 g6 23.Ra7 Re7 24.Nd4 Be8 25.d3 exd3 26.cxd3 Kg7 27.Kd2 Kf6 28.Ne2 Kxe6 29.Nf4+ Kd6 30.Rb1 Bc6 31.Rb4 Rfe8 32.Rd4+ Ke5 33.h4 Kf6 34.Rc4 Bh1 35.Rcxc7 Rxc7 36.Rxc7 h6 37.Ne2 g5 38.hxg5+ hxg5 39.Nd4 f4 40.gxf4 gxf4 41.Rh7 Bg2 42.Rh6+ Kg5 43.Rxb6 f3 44.Nxf3+ Bxf3 45.c4 Kf4 46.Rf6+ Kg3 47.Kc3 Re1 48.d4 Rc1+ 49.Kb4 Be2 50.c5 Rc4+ 51.Ka5 Rxd4 52.Kb6 Rb4+ 53.Kc7 Bf3 54.Rf8 Rc4 55.Kd6 Rd4+ 56.Kc7 Rd5 57.Kb6 Rd1 58.c6 Rb1+

59.Kc7 Bg2 60.Kd6 Rd1+ 61.Kc7 Kh4 62.Rg8 Be4 63.Re8 Bf5 64.Re5 Kg5 65.Kb6 Rb1+ 66.Kc7 Rc1 67.Rc5 Rxc5 68.Kd6 Rc1 69.c7 Rd1+ 70.Kc6 Kf6 71.Kb7 Rc1 72.Kb6 Rb1+ 73.Kc6 Rc1+ 74.Kd6 Rd1+ 75.Kc6 Be6 76.Kb6 Bc8 77.Kc6 Rc1+ 78.Kb6 Rxc7 79.Kxc7 ½-½ (79) dmitrijiiiGM (2846)-Beast_in_White (2680) Blitz 2023

7...Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Bd3

[9.Ne2 is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. f6 10.exf6 Rxf6N *(*Vorgänger: *10...Bxf6 11.Nf4 Bxd4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Qd3 Qe7+ 14.Ne2 Nxb5 15.Qxb5 Bg4 16.Kd2 Rae8* 0-1 (22) Petrov,P (1875)-Stoev,T (1765) Sofia 2009*)* 11.Bf4 Bf5 12.0-0 Bxc2 13.Qe3 Bd6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Be5 Rxf1+ 16.Rxf1 Qe7 17.Ng3 Re8 18.Re1 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Be4 20.Nxe4 Qxe5 21.Qxa7 dxe4 22.Qd4 Qxd4+ 23.cxd4 Kf7 24.a4 Ra8 25.Rc1 Rxa4 26.Rxc6 Rxd4 27.Rxc7+ Kf6 28.Kf2 Rd2+ 29.Kg3 h5 30.h4 g6 31.Rc6+ Kf5 32.Rc5+ Ke6 33.Rc6+ Rd6 34.Rc8 Ke5 35.Re8+ Kd4 36.Kf4 Rf6+ 37.Kg5 Rf2 38.Kxg6 Rxg2+ 39.Kxh5 e3 40.Kh6 e2 41.h5 Kd3 42.Kh7 Rg4 43.Rxe2 Kxe2 44.h6 Kf3 45.Kh8 Kf4 46.h7 Kf5 ½-½ (46) Nakamura,H (2768)-Nihal,S (2670) Chess.com INT 2022]

[9.Qg3 Bh4 10.Nf3 Bxg3+ 11.hxg3 f6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Rxh6 Qe7 15.Kd2 fxe5 16.Rah1 e4 17.Rh8+ Kf7 18.R8h7+ Ke8 19.Rxe7+ 0-1 (19) Jamorris94 (2752)-scaredbishop (2878) Blitz 2024]

[9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Ne2 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qd7 13.a4 Qe6 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 f6 16.Rb3 c5 17.Rb7 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qc6 19.Qb5 Qxc2 20.Qxd5+ Kh8 21.Qc5 Qe4 1-0 (21) DrDrunkerstein666 (2712)-ma_long_ma (2653) Blitz 2021]

9...Bh4+

[9...f6 10.Qh5 g6 11.Bxg6 ½-½ (11) Schuster,P (2458)-Ottesen,S (2394) ICCF email 2009 Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'N' Lukacs,Peter: 'White has no more than a draw by perpetual...' hxg6 12.Qxg6+ Kh8 13.Qh6+ Kg8 14.Qg6+ ½:½ Hromadka-Lasker, Mahrrich-Ostrau 1923, which is not a bad result again the ex-World Champion!]

[9...Be6 10.Nh3 Bh4+ 11.Nf2]

10.g3 Bg5 11.Bxg5 Qxg5 12.Qf4 Qe7 13.Nf3 h6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Nh4 Qg5 16.Qxg5 hxg5 17.Nf3 f6 18.Rae1 Rae8 19.exf6 gxf6 20.h4 Bh3 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Rb1 Bg4 23.Kf2 gxh4 24.Rxb7 h3 25.Nh2 f5 26.Rxc7 Nd8 27.c4 Ne6 28.Rxa7 Nxd4 29.cxd5 Nxc2 30.d6 Nb4 31.Bc4+ Kh8 32.Re7 Rd8 33.d7 Nc6 34.Re8+ Kg7 35.Rxd8 Nxd8 36.Nxg4 fxg4 37.Be2 1-0 (37) MilfSalvatore (2805)-StumpSpice (2708) Blitz 2020

7...Be6 8.Ne2 Qd7N

[Vorgänger: 8...Qh4+ 9.g3 Qg4 10.Qe3 Be7 11.Nf4 Bg5 12.d4 0-0 13.h3 Bxf4 14.Qxf4 Qxf4 15.gxf4 0-1 Auskalnis,D (1675)-Greicius,P (1954) LTU-ch Amateurs 2020 (7)]

9.0-0 Be7 10.d4 0-0 11.Qg3 Kh8 12.Bg5 Rae8 13.Nf4 Bf5 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.Qh4 Ree8 16.Rf2 a6 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Raf1 Be4 19.Qg3 Kg8 20.h4 Qh6 21.Nh3 Qg6 22.Qe3 Qh5 23.Ng5 Bg6 24.Rf4 f6 25.Qf2 h6 26.g4 1-0 (26) Kilic,E (2414)-Melian,J (2293) Chess.com INT 2023

60 **9.Ne2**
[9.d4 Qh4+ 10.g3 *(10.Qf2 Qxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Bf5 12.Nf3 Bxc2 13.Bf4 Bf5 14.Rhf1 h6 15.Ke3 Ba3 16.Rf2 Ra7 17.Raf1 Rb7 18.Nd2 Be6 19.Nb3 Rb5 20.Kd3 a5 21.Be3 0-0 22.g4 Kh7 23.Rg2 a4 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 Rfb8 26.h4 Rb2 27.Rfg1 Rxg2 28.Rxg2 Rb1 29.Kc2 Rh1 30.h5 Rh4 31.g5 hxg5 32.Rxg5 Rh2+ 33.Kb1 a3 34.Bc1 d4 35.cxd4 Bxa2+ 36.Ka1 Bd5 37.Rg3 a2 38.h6 gxh6 39.Rg1 h5 40.Bg5 h4 41.Bf6 h3 42.Bh4 Rh1 43.Rxh1 Bxh1 44.Bg3 Bd5 45.e6 fxe6 46.Bxc7 Kg6 47.Bh2 Kf5 48.Kb2 Ke4 49.Kc3 Kf3 50.Kb4 Kg2 51.Ka5 Kxh2 52.Kb6 Kg2 53.Kc7 h2 54.Kd6 h1Q 55.Kd7 Qe1 56.Kd6 Qd2 57.Kd7 Qxd4 58.Kd6 Qc4 59.Ke7 Qxc5+ 60.Kd7 a1Q 61.Ke8 Qh8+ 62.Kf7 Qcf8+ 63.Kg6 Qff6#* 0-1 (63) littleplotkin (2749)-OjaiJoao (2725) Blitz 2022*)* 10...Qg4 11.Be3 h5 12.Qf2 Qe4 13.Nf3 Bh3 14.Kd2 Be7 15.Rhe1 Bg4 16.Ng5 Qg6 17.h4 0-0 18.Bf4 Rab8 19.Rab1 Ba3 20.Rb3 Be7 21.Reb1 Rb5 22.Qe3 c5 23.a4 Rxb3 24.Rxb3 c4 25.Rb7 Qc6 26.Rb1 Qxa4 27.e6 f6 28.Nf7 Bf5 29.Rb2 Ba3 30.Ra2 Bc1+ 0-1 (30) BrokyLoveKFC (2769)-Fmrevlin (2834) Blitz 2024]
9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nf4 f6 12.e6 Bd6 13.d3 Bxf4 14.Bxf4 Bxe6 15.Qg3 Rf7 16.Rae1 Bf5 17.Be3 Qd7 18.Bc5 Rb8 19.h3 h6 20.Re2 Kh7 21.Rfe1 Bg6 22.Re7 Qf5 23.Rxf7 Bxf7 24.Qxc7 Re8 25.Rxe8 Bxe8 26.a4 Qg5 27.Bd4 h5 28.Kh2 h4 29.a5 Bh5 30.Bf2 Qe5+ 31.Qxe5 fxe5 32.Bxh4 Bd1 33.d4 exd4 34.cxd4 Bxc2 35.Kg3 Be4 36.Be7 Kg6 37.Bc5 ½-½ (37) Nikotheo (2937)-Azerichessss (2895) Blitz 2021

61 **6.d3** Nxc3 Neil McDonald: 'There was more chance of counterplay with' 7.bxc3 d4 Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'An important move. If White is allowed 8.d4 he will be better.'
[7...c5 Szabo,Krisztian: 'is sometimes played, to also hinder d3-d4,' 8.Qg3 *(8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Qg3 g6 10.h4 Rg8 11.Bg5 Qa5 12.Kf2 h6 13.Bf6 Bd7 14.Rb1 b6 15.Nf4 Qxa2 16.Be2 Ne7 17.e6 Bc6 18.Rhe1 0-0-0 19.Ra1 Qxc2 20.Rxa7 Bb7 21.Rea1 g5 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Nh5* 1-0 (23) DarkAlekhine (2745)-derdimcokanacan (2734) Blitz 2023*)* 8...Nc6
A) 9.Be2 possibly threatening Bh5+,
A1) 9...d4 10.Bf3 dxc3 11.Bxc6+ *(11.Ne2)* 11...bxc6 12.Ne2 Be6 13.0-0 with advantage, Kotliar,M (2300)-Barp,A (2366) Chess.com INT 2020, 1-0 (42).;
A2) 9...g6 10.h4!? Bg7?! *(10...Qa5)* 11.Nf3 Be6 12.h5 Black's already in big trouble, Jarovinsky,A (2305)-Hebden,M (2453) Chess.com INT 2021, 1-0 (28).;
A3) 9...Be6 10.Nf3 *(10.Rb1 Qd7 11.Nh3 0-0-0 12.0-0 Be7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nf4 g5 16.Nh5 f4 17.Qf2 Qc7 18.d4 c4 19.h3 Kb8 20.Bf3 Nf5 21.Bg4 Ng7 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.Qf3 a6 24.Rb4 Ka7 25.Rfb1 Rh7 26.Nf6 Rf7 27.Rxb7+ Qxb7*

28.Rxb7+ Rxb7 29.Nxd5 Rb1+ 30.Kh2 Ng7 31.Ne7 Rd7 32.Qc6 Rdb7 33.Qc5+ Ka8 34.Nc6 Rc7 35.Qd6 Kb7 36.Na5+ Kb8 37.d5 Nh5 38.h4 Ng3 39.Kh3 h5 40.Nc6+ Kb7 41.Na5+ Kb8 42.Nc6+ Kb7 43.Na5+ Kb8 ½-½ (43) Aborigen100500 (2720)-dmitrijiiiGM (2717) Blitz 2022*)* 10...Qd7 11.0-0 d4 12.c4 *(12.cxd4)* 12...0-0-0? *(12...h6)* 13.Ng5 with nasty threats, De Oliveira,A (2283)-Della Morte,G (2330) Itapetininga 2012, ß-ß (40).;

B) 9.Nf3 d4 10.cxd4 cxd4 11.Be2 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 0-0 14.0-0 Be6 15.Bf3 Bd5 16.Rab1 b6 17.Rb5 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 a6 19.Rbb1 b5 20.a4 b4 21.e6 Qd5 22.Rbe1 Rae8 23.Ng5 h6 24.Nf7 Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Qxe6 26.Nd6 f4 27.Rxf4 Qxd6 28.Rxf8+ Qxf8 29.Qc7 Qf6 30.Qc8+ Kh7 31.Qxa6 Ne5 32.Qb7 Qf4 33.a5 Ng4 34.Qf3 Qxf3 35.gxf3 Ne5 36.a6 Nc6 37.Kf2 Kg6 38.f4 Kf5 39.Kf3 g5 40.fxg5 hxg5 41.h3 Na7 42.Kg3 Nc6 43.Kf3 Na7 44.Kg3 Nc8 45.Kf3 Ke5 46.Kg4 Kf6 47.Kf3 Ke5 48.Kg4 Kf6 49.Kf3 Kf5 50.Kg3 Na7 51.Kf3 Nb5 52.Kg3 Ke5 53.Kg4 Kf6 54.Kf3 Kg6 55.Ke4 Kh5 56.Kf5 Kh4 57.Kg6 Na7 58.Kf5 Nb5 59.Kg6 Na7 60.Kf5 Kh5 61.Kf6 Kh6 62.Kf5 Kh5 63.Kf6 Kh6 64.Kf5 Nb5 65.Ke5 Na7 66.Kd5 Kh5 67.Kc5 Kh4 68.Kb6 Nc8+ 69.Kc7 Nd6 70.Kxd6 Kxh3 71.a7 g4 72.a8Q g3 73.Qh1+ Kg4 74.Ke5 1-0 (74) Dynamikus (2806)-Arucas (2583) Blitz 2022]

[7...Be7

A) 8.h4 Nc6 9.d4 0-0 10.g3 *(10.Nh3 Bxh4+ 11.g3 Be7 12.Nf4 Rf7 13.Qh5 h6 14.Bg2 Qe8 15.Bxd5 Nd8 16.Rb1 Bf8 17.Bxf7+ Qxf7 18.Qxf7+ Kxf7 19.d5 g5 20.Nd3 b6 21.e6+ Kg6 22.Be3 Bd6 23.Kf2 Bb7 24.c4 a6 25.c5 bxc5 26.c4 c6 27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.Bxc5 cxd5 29.e7 Ne6 30.Rb6 Kf7 31.e8Q+ Rxe8 32.Rxb7+ Kg6 33.Rb6 dxc4 34.Rxa6 h5 35.Re1 Kf7 36.Ra7+ Kg6 37.Bb4 h4 38.gxh4 g4 39.Bc3 f4 40.Ra6 Kf5 41.Raxe6 Rxe6 42.Rxe6 Kxe6 43.a4 Kf5 44.a5 Ke4 45.a6 g3+ 46.Kg2 Kd3 47.Be5 c3 48.a7 Ke3 49.Bxc3 f3+ 50.Kxg3 f2 51.Bd4+ Kxd4 52.Kxf2 Ke4 53.a8Q+ Kf5 54.Qb8 Kf6 55.Qb4 Ke5 56.Qg4 Kf6 57.h5 Ke7 58.h6 Kd6 59.h7 Ke5 60.h8Q+ Kd6 61.Qhh5 Ke7 62.Qgg6 Kf8 63.Qh8+ Ke7 64.Qhh7+ Kd8 65.Qgg8#* 1-0 (65) Aborigen100500 (2752)-snayperchess (2693) Blitz 2022*)* 10...Qd7 11.Nh3 Nd8 12.Bg5 Ne6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nf4 c6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.0-0 Qa3 17.Be2 b5 18.Rfb1 a6 19.Rb3 Qa4 20.Kh2 Rf7 21.a3 Qa5 22.Bd3 Re8 23.a4 Kh8 24.Raa3 Qb6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Rb1 Rff8 27.Rba1 Bc8 28.Ra8 b4 29.Nxe6 Bxe6 30.R8a6 Qb8 31.Rxc6 bxc3 32.Rxc3 f4 33.gxf4 Qd8 34.Qg3 Bf5 35.Ra7 g6 36.Rcc7 g5 37.hxg5 1-0 (37) Aborigen100500 (2762)-mafiiiya (2690) Blitz 2022;

B) 8.Ne2 0-0 9.g3 Nc6 10.d4 Na5 11.Nf4 c6 12.h4 Nc4

13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.0-0 Kh8 15.a4 Bd7 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qe7 18.Raa1 Be6 19.a5 Rac8 20.Rfb1 Rfd8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Re1 g6 23.Kg1 Kg7 24.Re2 Rdd7 25.Kh2 Bd5 26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.e6 Qf6 28.a6 b5 29.Rae1 Re7 30.Kg2 h6 31.Qf4 Rd6 32.Qxd6 1-0 (32) Aborigen100500 (2727)-Leopold1962 (2480) Rapid 2025;

C) 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Ne2 c6 10.h4 Bxh4+ 11.g3 Bg5 12.Qh5 h6 13.Nf4 Re8 14.d4 Nd7 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.Qg6 Ne4 17.Nh5 Re7 18.Bxe4 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 dxe4 20.Nf6+ Kf8 21.Rxh6 gxh6 22.Qg8# 1-0 (22) The_Machine04 (2726)-SlimFritz (2837) Blitz 2022;

D) 8.d4 0-0 9.Ne2 Be6 10.Nf4 Qd7 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rf7 *(12...g6 13.Qg3 Rf7 14.h4 Rg7 15.Nh3 Qd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxh6 Bxh4 18.Qe3 Rh7 19.Bg5 Qe8 20.g3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Rh5 22.Be2 Rh8 23.Kg2 Qe7 24.Rh1 Kg7 25.Qf4 Raf8 26.Rag1 Nd8 27.Bd3 c5 28.Rh4 Rxh4 29.gxh4 cxd4 30.cxd4 Bg8 31.h5 Ne6 32.Nxe6+ Bxe6 33.Kf2 Rf6 34.exf6+* 1-0 (34) Aborigen100500 (2760)-Anastasyah (2367) Rapid 2023*)* 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.Qxf5 Qxf5 16.Rxf5 Na5 17.e6 Bd6 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.Rxf4 Re8 20.Re1 Re7 21.Ref1 h5 22.Rf8+ Kh7 23.R1f5 c6 24.Rxh5+ Kg6 25.Re5 Nc4 26.Re2 Nd6 27.Rf4 Ne4 28.Rfxe4 dxe4 29.Rxe4 Kf5 30.Re5+ Kf6 31.Kf2 Rxe6 32.Rxe6+ Kxe6 33.c4 Kf5 34.Kf3 g5 35.h3 a5 1-0 (35) ice2breaker (2776)-Masterclass2 (2673) Blitz 2022]

[7...Be6

A) 8.Nh3 Nc6 9.Nf4 Qd7 10.d4 0-0-0 *(10...a6 11.Rb1 0-0-0 12.Bd3 g6 13.Qe2 Nb8 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rb3 Be7 16.Be3 Qa4 17.Nxe6* 1-0 (17) Nadigraj (2709)-Knayz_Tmi (2446) Blitz 2024*)* 11.Bb5 a6 12.Ba4 g5 13.Nh5 h6 14.Nf6 Qf7 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qd3 Kb7 17.0-0 Be7 18.Rb1+ Ka7 19.Rb3 Rb8 20.Be3 Rb5 21.c4 dxc4 22.d5+ Ka8 23.dxe6 Qxe6 24.Rxb5 cxd3 25.Ra5 Bxf6 26.Rxa6+ Kb7 27.Ra7+ Kc8 28.Bd4 Bxe5 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Ra8+ Kd7 31.Rxh8 Qxh8 32.Rd1 Qd4+ 33.Kf1 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Kh1 d2 36.h3 Qe1+ 37.Kh2 Qxd1 0-1 (37) Art29 (2728)-dmitry-lavrik (2734) Blitz 2021;

B) 8.Rb1 Bc5 9.d4 Bb6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.h4 c6 13.Bd3 Na6 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Ba3 Rf7 17.Bxf5 g6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Qxf7+ Qxf7 20.Rxf7 Kxf7 21.Rf1+ Kg7 22.g4 Rc8 23.Rb1 Kf7 24.Rf1+ Kg7 25.e6 Re8 26.e7 c5 27.dxc5 Bc7 28.c6 bxc6 29.Rf8 Rxe7 30.Bxe7 Be5 31.Rc8 Kf7 32.Bc5 Bxc3 33.Rxc6 h5 34.g5 Be5 35.Kg2 a5 36.Ra6 a4 37.Rxa4 Ke6 38.Ra6+ Kf5 39.a4 Bc3 40.Kh3 Be1 41.Rf6+ Ke5 42.Re6+ Kxe6 43.Bb6 Kd7 44.Bd4 Kc6 45.Be5 Kc5 46.Bg3 Ba5 47.Kg2 Kc4 48.Kf3 Bb6 49.Be1 Ba7 50.Kf4 Bb8+ 51.Ke3 Ba7+ 52.Ke2 Bg1 53.Kf3 Ba7 54.Kf4 Bb8+ 55.Ke3 Bc7 56.Kf3 Bb8 57.Ke3 ½-½ (57) The_Machine04 (2728)-SlimFritz (2834) Blitz 2022;

C) 8.Be2 d4 9.c4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2

Nc6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.h4 a6 13.Nh3 h6 14.Qg3 Qe7 15.Rab1 Kh8 16.Bf3 Rae8 17.Bg5 Qf7 18.Bxc6 f4 19.Nxf4 bxc6 20.Rxb4 c5 21.Rb7 Bc8 22.Rb8 Rxe5 23.Kg1 Re3 24.Qf2 Rfe8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Ng6+ Qxg6 27.Bxe3 dxe3 28.Qxe3 Re8 29.Qf3 Qe6 30.Rh3 Qe2 31.Qxe2 Rxe2 32.Rf3 Rxc2 33.Rf8+ Kh7 34.Rc8 Rxa2 35.Rxc7 Rd2 36.Rxc5 Rxd3 37.h5 Rc3 38.Kh2 a5 39.Rxa5 Rxc4 40.Kh3 Rd4 41.g3 Rc4 42.Rf5 Rd4 43.Rf4 Rxf4 44.gxf4 g6 45.Kg4 gxh5+ 46.Kxh5 Kg7 47.f5 Kf6 48.Kg4 h5+ 49.Kxh5 Kxf5 ½-½ (49) Aborigen100500 (2703)-lotfalikhanzand (2434) Rapid 2023;

D) 8.d4 c5 9.Bd3 g6 *(9...Qd7 10.Nh3 Nc6 11.Qf2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Kxd2 0-0 15.c3 Rac8 16.Nf4 Na5 17.Rhc1 Rc7 18.Qh4 Rfc8 19.g4 Nc4+ 20.Ke2 g6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Rg1+ Kh8 24.Raf1 Rf8 25.Rxf5 Rcf7 26.Qxh7+ Kxh7 27.Rh5#* 1-0 (27) ice2breaker (2739)-Miguelho67 (2606) Blitz 2023 *)* 10.Nh3 Be7 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.c4 dxc4 13.d5 cxd3 14.Nxe6 dxc2 15.0-0 Na6 16.Ng7+ Kf8 17.Bh6 Kg8 18.e6 Qd6 19.Nxf5 1-0 (19) ice2breaker (2763)-Malygin2006 (2586) Blitz 2022]

8.Qg3

[8.c4 Bb4+ 9.Kd1 Nc6

A) 10.Qg3 Qe7 *(10...0-0 11.Nf3 Bc3 12.Rb1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nxa2 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Bf6 Ba5 16.e6 Nc3+ 17.Ke1 Ne4+ 18.Kd1 Nxg3 19.exd7 Nxh1 20.dxc8Q Nf2+ 21.Kc1 Raxc8 22.Bxd4 Bb6 23.c5 Rfe8 24.cxb6 Rxe2 25.bxa7 b6 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Bxf2 Rxf2 28.Kb2 Rxg2 29.Nd4 f4 30.Ne6 f3 31.Nxc7 Rxa7 32.Rxa7 f2 33.Ra8+ Kf7 34.Ra7 f1Q 35.Nb5+ Ke6 36.Nd4+ Kd5 37.Nb3 Qf6+ 38.Kb1 Rg1+ 39.Nc1 Qc3 40.Rd7+ Kc6 41.Rd8 Qb4+ 42.Ka2 Rxc1 43.Rc8+ Kb7 44.Rc4 Qa5+ 45.Kb3 Qa1 46.Rb4 Rb1+ 47.Kc4 Rxb4+ 48.Kxb4 Qb2+ 49.Kc4 Qxc2+ 50.Kd4 Qxh2 51.Ke3 Qh4 52.Kd2 Qh3 53.Kc3 Qxd3+ 54.Kxd3 b5 55.Ke4 Kc6 56.Kd3* ½-½ (56) littleplotkin (2746)-Prettyfishy (2713) Blitz 2021*)* 11.Nf3 Be6 12.Be2 Qd7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nxe6 Qxe6 16.Bf3 Bc3 17.Bd5 Rxd5 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Rb3 g5 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Kxd2 Qa5+ 22.Kc1 Qxa2 23.Qf3 Qa1+ 24.Rb1 Qa3+ 25.Kd1 f4 26.Re1 Re8 27.Qd5 Qa5 28.Qxa5 Nxa5 29.Rb5 Nc6 30.e6 Ne7 31.Re4 a6 32.Rbe5 b6 33.h4 Ng6 34.Rf5 Nxh4 35.Rf7 Nxg2 36.Ke2 Ne3 37.e7 Nxc2 38.Kd2 Ne3 39.Rxd4 c5 40.Rd6 Kc7 41.Rxh6 a5 42.Rff6 Nd5 43.Rc6+ Kb7 44.Rcd6 Nxe7 45.Rxb6+ Kc7 46.Rbe6 a4 47.Ra6 Nd5 48.Ra7+ Kb8 49.Rxa4 Rf8 50.Ke2 g4 51.Kf2 f3 52.Rxg4 Nf4 53.Kxf3 Nxd3+ 54.Ke3 Nb4 55.Rg7 Rc8 56.Kd2 Nc6 57.Kc3 Rc7 58.Rh8+ Nd8 59.Rhh7 Nc6 60.Rxc7 c4 61.Rxc6 Ka8 62.Rc8# 1-0 (62) BrokyLoveKFC (2780)-Nefer-Pitou (2736) Blitz 2024;

B) 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Rb1 Be6 12.h4 Qd7 13.Nh3 h6 14.Bd2 Nxe5 15.Qg3 Bxd2 16.Qxe5 Be3 17.Nf4 Rae8 18.Nxe6 Rxe6

19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.cxd5 Rb6 21.Rxb6 axb6 22.Rh3 Ra8 23.Rf3 f4 24.Ke2 Rxa2 25.Kd1 Ra1+ 26.Ke2 Rc1 27.g3 Rxc2+ 28.Ke1 g5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.gxf4 g4 31.Rg3 Bf2+ 32.Kd1 Bxg3 33.Kxc2 Bxf4 34.d6 Bxd6 35.Be2 g3 36.Bf3 c6 37.Kb3 b5 38.Bxc6 bxc6 0-1 (38) Marsizback (2838)-Rikikits (2842) Blitz 2022]

[8.Be2

A) 8...dxc3 9.Qg3 *(9.Qf4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Be7 11.Qc4 Qd7 12.0-0 Qe6 13.Qxc3 0-0 14.d4 Kh8 15.Bc4 Qg6 16.Kh1 b6 17.d5 Na5 18.Be2 Bb7 19.Qxc7 Bc5 20.Nh4 Qf7 21.Qxf7 Rxf7 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.d6 Bc8 24.Bg5 Re8 25.Bf4 Bd7 26.Nf3 h6 27.h4 Kh7 28.c3 g6 29.a4 Be6 30.Bb5 Rh8 31.Nd4 Bxd4 32.cxd4 Bd5 33.d7 Rd8 34.Re1 a6 35.Bxa6 Rfxd7 36.Bb5 Re7 37.Rad1 Be4 38.Re3 Bd5 39.Rc3 Kg7 40.Rdc1 Rf7 41.Rc7 Be6 42.Rxf7+ Kxf7 43.Rc7+ Kg8 44.Bxh6 Rxd4 45.Bg5 Bc4 46.Be8 Bd5 47.Bxg6 Rc4 48.Rd7 Be6 49.Rd6 Rc6 50.Rd8+ Kg7 51.h5 Rc8 52.Bf6+ Kh6 53.Rd6 Rc1+ 54.Kh2 f4 55.Rxe6 Nc6 56.Bg7+ Kg5 57.Rd6 Kg4 58.Rd3 Rh1+ 59.Kxh1 Nd4 60.Kh2 Nf3+ 61.gxf3+ Kh4 62.Bf5 b5 63.Rd4 Kxh5 64.Re4 Kg5 65.Rxf4* 1-0 (65) DrGoodstein2986 (2712)-MikeGScarn (2857) Blitz 2020 *)*

A1) 9...g6 10.Nf3 *(10.Bf3 Be7 11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne2 Qa5 13.Be3 Na6 14.Qc4 Nb4 15.Kd1 Qa4 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 Be6 18.Nxc3 Nd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Ra5 a6 21.Bxd5* 1-0 (21) Frendzas,P (2543)-Kazimierski,T (1889) LSS 2020*)* 10...Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bh6 Re8 13.d4 Nc6 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.Rad1 Na5 16.Ng5 Nxc4 17.Nf7+ Kg8 18.Nxd8 Rxd8 19.Qxc3 Be6 20.d5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rxd5 22.Qxc4 c6 23.g4 fxg4 24.Qf4 1-0 (24) CheeryChocolate (2755)-nissou-ach (2627) Blitz 2022;

A2) 9...Qd7 10.Nh3 *(10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Ne2 g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.e6 Qe7 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.Bf4 Qe7 18.Bxc7 Bxe6 19.Rfe1 0-0 20.Bd6 Qd7 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.a4 b6 24.Kh1 Bf7 25.Nf4 Bf6 26.Nh3 h6 27.Ng1 g5 28.Nf3 f4 29.Qh3 Bd5 30.Qg4 Rf7 31.h4 Rg7 32.Re2 gxh4 33.Qxf4 h3 34.Rae1 hxg2+ 35.Kg1 Bxf3 36.Re8+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ Rg6 38.R1e7+ Bxe7 39.Rxe7+ Kh8 40.Qe5+ Qf6 41.Re8+ Kh7* ½-½ (41) Nogler,S (2435)-Glatte,E (2339) www.remoteschach.de 2019 *)* 10...Nc6 11.0-0 Nd4 12.Bd1 Bc5 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Nf4 b5 15.Nh5 Kh8 16.Nf4 Bb7 17.Qh4 Kg8 18.Be3 Rae8 19.e6 Qe7 20.Qg3 Bb6 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Bf3 c6 23.Rae1 Qc7 24.e7 Rxe7 25.Ne6 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rfe8 0-1 (26) klorp27 (2746)-G0DZILLA (2684) Blitz 2023;

A3) 9...Be7 10.Qxg7 Rf8 11.Bh5+ Kd7 12.Ne2 Rg8 13.e6+ Kc6 14.Qxc3+ 1-0 (14) satlan (2710)-beatles_21 (2661) Blitz 2023;

A4) Neil McDonald: 'Black has a

comfortable Classical French style structure after' 9...Be6 10.Bf3 Nc6

A4a) 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Ne2

A4a1) 12...Qd7

A4a11) 13.0-0 Be7 *(13...h6* is the computer's main recommendation. *14.Qf2 Bb4 15.Nf4 0-0∞)* 14.Be3 *(14.Bg5 Ba3 15.Nf4 a5 16.Kh1 0-0∞)* 14...0-0 *(14...g5 15.Qf2 Qd5∞)* 15.Nxc3 a5 16.Na4 Rfb8 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Rb2 19.Qf2 h6 20.Ba3 Rb7 21.Rad1 Rd8 22.h3 Kh7 23.c4 Qe8?! *(23...Qd4 24.Qxd4 Rxd4=)* 24.Qc5?! *(24.Qc2±)* 24...Rb6 25.Rd2 Qf7?! *(25...Rdb8=)* 26.Qxa5 f4?! *(26...Rdb8 27.Rdf2±)* 27.Qc3?! *(27.Bc5 Rbb8 28.Qc3±)* 27...Ra6?! *(27...Rdb8 28.Rdf2 g5 29.Rc1±)* 28.Bc5 g5 29.Qb4 Raa8 30.Be7?! *(30.a4±)* 30...Rd7?! *(30...Rab8 31.Qc5 Rd7 32.Bf6 Bxc4=)* 31.Bf6 Qg6? *(31...Rd4 32.Kh2±)* 32.Qb7 Ra3 33.Qxc6 Qf7 34.Qe4+ *(34.Rfd1* transposes to the game.*)* 34...Qg6 35.Qc6 Qf7 36.Rfd1 Szabo,Krisztian: 'transposes to the game.' Ra5?! *(36...Bf5 37.d4+-)* 37.Rb1?! *(* The most accurate continuation would be *37.d4! Bxc4 38.d5! Raxd5 39.Qxc4 Rxd2 40.Qxf7+ Rxf7 41.Rxd2+-* and White wins. *)* 37...Rd4 38.Rb7 Rd7 39.Rb8 Kg6 40.d4! Bxc4 *(40...Bf5 41.d5+-)* 41.Qe4+ Kh5

A4a111) 42.g4+! is the strongest move. Szabo,Krisztian: '+-!' Szabo,Krisztian: 'see before.' fxg3 *(42...Kh4 43.Rh8+-)* 43.Qg4+ Kg6 44.h4+-;

A4a112) 42.Qf3+ Kg6 43.Qe4+ Kh5 44.Rh8 *(* 44.g4+!+- see before.*)* 44...Ra3 45.g4+ fxg3 46.Qf5 1-0 (46) Can,I (2474)-Dudin,G (2471) Banja Vrujci 2022 CBM 215 [Szabo,Krisztian];

A4a12) 13.Be3 in two blitz games Yip, C (2420)-Shahade,G (2476) chess.com INT 2020. Black should have continued with in two blitz games Yip,C (2420)-Shahade,G (2476) chess.com INT 2020. Black should have continued with 13...Be7 equalising. It has to be mentioned that 14.Qxg7?? runs into Bh4+-+;

A4a2) 12...g6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bh6 Rb8 15.Nf4 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Kd7 17.Bg5 Bf8

18.Qh4 Bg7 19.Nxe6 Kxe6 20.Qxd4 1-0 (20) Aborigen100500 (2748)-Mahlermaniaco (2593) Rapid 2025;

A4b) 11.Ne2 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' Szabo,Krisztian: 'is worse because of' 11...Qd7

A4b1) 12.Rb1 Bc5 *(12...Nb4 13.Rxb4 Bxb4 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bf3 Bc5 16.d4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Qxg7 Rg8 19.Qf6 Rb6 20.Qh6 Bf7 21.Qxh7 Re6 22.Kf1 Rxe5 23.Qh6 Bc4+ 0-1 (23) Rivuza (2742)-EricRosen (2581) Blitz 2022)* 13.Rxb7 0-0 14.Bh6 Rf7 15.Rb5 Bb6 16.Nf4 Re8 17.Nh5 Nd4 18.Rxb6 axb6 19.0-0 Kh8 20.Bg5 Nxc2 21.Nf4 Nd4 22.Bh5 c2 23.Qh4 Kg8 24.Bxf7+ Bxf7 25.Bf6 gxf6 26.exf6 Bg6 27.Nxg6 hxg6 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qh7+ Ke6 30.Qxg6+ Kd5 0-1 (30) satlan (2758)-Dragso (2803) Blitz 2023;

A4b2) 12.Be3 Nb4

A4b21) 13.0-0 Nxc2 14.Bxb7 Qxd3 *(14...Nxe3? 15.Qxe3 Rd8 16.Nf4± Spielmann,R-Levenfish,G Karlovy Vary 1911)* 15.Bf2 (Moulin,J (1860)-Sabbatini,G (1885) ICCF email 2018) Qxe2 16.Rac1 *(16.Bxa8?! Nxa1∓)* 16...Rd8 17.Bf3 Qd3 18.Rfd1 Qc4∓;

A4b22) 13.Rc1 (Yip,C (2420)-Shahade,G (2476) Chess.com blitz 2020) Szabo,Krisztian: '(Adamko,P (2273)-Zuev,D ICCF email 2009)'

A4b221) 13...Nd5 14.Bf2 0-0-0 15.Rb1 Rg8!? *(15...b6)* 16.0-0?! 'walking into it' *(16.Nd4)* 16...g5! menacing to win the queen with ...f5-f4, 17.Bxa7 b6 18.Qf2 g4 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Nxc3 White is lost, Yip,C (2300)-Wang,J (2446) Irving 2019, 0-1 (26), and the most accurate might be g3 21.hxg3 Qxe5 threatening all sorts of things, like ...Bc5, for instance.;

A4b222) 13...0-0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' 14.0-0 Be7 15.h4 Rhf8∓;

A4b3) 12.0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' 12...Bc5+ 13.Kh1 0-0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo,Krisztian: 'Richardson,D-Braunton,R BFCC corr 2001' 14.Bg5 Rde8 15.a4 h6 16.Bc1 g5 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.d4 Bb4 19.Rb1 a5 20.Rf3 f4 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Nxf4 Bd5 23.Re3 Rhg8 24.Qh3+ Kb8 25.Rf1 Ref8 26.Kg1 Qc4 27.Rd3 Be4 28.e6 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 30.cxd3 Rxf4 0-1 (30) kira523 (2780)-xenoxer

(2710) Blitz 2022;

B) 8...Nc6 9.Qg3 Szabo,Krisztian: 'see Rapport,R (2740)-Abdusattorov,N (2713) Wijk aan Zee 2023 game.'

B1) 9...g6 10.Bf3 *(10.h4 Be7 11.Nf3 dxc3 12.h5 Rg8 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Rh6 g5 15.e6 g4 16.Bf4 Qd5 17.Bxc7 Bxe6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 0-0-0 20.d4 Bd6 21.Qxc3+ Kb8 22.Rxe6 Qxe6 23.Bc4 Qc8 24.Bxd6+ Rxd6 25.Qg3 Re8+ 26.Kf2 Qc7 27.Bd3 Rxd4 28.Qxc7+ Kxc7 29.Rh1 Re7 30.Bxf5 Rf4+* 0-1 (30) Artusha29 (2721)-Gordima (2856) Blitz 2022 *)* 10...dxc3 11.Bxc6+ *(11.Ne2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.h4 Be6 14.h5 Rg8 15.Rh4 Qg1+ 16.Ke2 g5 17.Ra4 f4 18.Qf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kxf2 0-0-0 20.Rb1 Bc5+ 21.Kf1 Bb6 22.Ba3 g4 23.Be4 f3 24.Bxh7 Rg5 25.Bg6 Rh8 26.Rxb6 cxb6 27.Rxa7 fxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Bd5+ 29.Kg3 Kb8 30.Ra4 Rhxh5 31.Bd6+ Kc8 32.Be8 Rh3+ 33.Kf4* 1-0 (33) satlan (2747)-Southstream007 (2583) Blitz 2023 *)* 11...bxc6 12.Nf3 *(12.h4 Be6 13.h5 Rg8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Bg5 Qb8 16.Ne2 Qb2 17.Rc1 Qxa2 18.0-0 Qd5 19.d4 c5 20.Nxc3 Qxd4+ 21.Rf2 c4 22.Rd1 Qb6 23.Be3 Qc6 24.Rfd2 Bb4 25.Qh4 Be7 26.Bg5 Qc5+ 27.Kf1 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Qxe5 29.Re1 Qxe1+ 30.Kxe1 Kf7 31.Kf2 a5 32.Na4 Rge8 33.Rd4 Rab8 34.Rh4 Rh8 35.Qf4 Rxh4 36.Qxh4 Rb4 37.Nc5 a4 38.Qh7+ Kf6 39.Qxc7 Bf7 40.Qd6+ Kg7 41.Ne6+ Bxe6 42.Qxb4* 1-0 (42) Aborigen100500 (2758)-davizent (2430) Rapid 2023*)* 12...Be6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg5 Bd5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Ng5 Rb8 17.d4 Rb2 18.Rf2 Qb4 19.e6 Rb1+ 20.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 21.Rf1 Qxc2 22.Nf3 0-0 23.Qxc7 Qe2 24.Re1 Qxa2 25.Qd7 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Qd2 27.Kf1 c2 28.Qxc6 Qxh2 29.e7 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Qh2+ 31.Kd3 1-0 (31) Rivuza (2783)-turtlechess55 (2602) Blitz 2022;

B2) 9...dxc3 10.Bh5+

B2a) 10...Kd7

B2a1) 11.Bf7 Nd4 *(11...Qe7 12.e6+ Kd8 13.Bg5 Nd4 14.Bxe7+ Bxe7 15.Qxg7 Nxc2+ 16.Kd1* 1-0 (16) Aborigen100500 (2706)-Kiril12345 (2540) Rapid 2024 *)* 12.Nf3 Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 Nxa1 14.e6+ Kc6 15.Ne5+ Kb5 16.Qf4 c5 17.Be3 a6 18.Ke2 Nc2 19.Rb1+ Nb4 20.Qc4+ Kb6 21.Rxb4+ Ka7 22.Nc6+ 1-0 (22) Aborigen100500 (2711)-JanistanTV (2758) Blitz 2022;

B2a2) 11.Bf3 Qe7 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nf3 c5 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Rb1 Bd5 16.Ba3 h6 17.d4 Qe6 18.Bxc5 g5 19.Bxf8 Rhxf8 20.Ne1 f4 21.Qxc3 Qc6 22.Qd2 Qc4 23.c3 Qxa2 24.Rb2 Qc4 25.Nd3 Rab8 26.Nc5+ Ke7 27.Rfb1

Rxb2 28.Rxb2 f3 29.Nd3 fxg2 30.Rb1 0-1 (30) Rikikits (2740)-beatles_21 (2803) Blitz 2022;

B2b) 10...g6 11.Bxg6+ hxg6 12.Qxg6+ Kd7 13.Qxf5+ Ke8 14.Qg6+ Kd7 15.e6+ Kd6 16.Ba3+ Nb4 17.Bxb4+ c5 18.Bxc3 Rh6 19.Qg3+ Kc6 20.Nf3 Rxe6+ 21.Ne5+ Kc7 22.0-0 Bd6 23.Rf7+ Kb8 24.Nc6+ bxc6 25.Rb1+ Qb6 26.Rxb6+ axb6 27.Qg8 Rxa2 28.Rf8 Bxf8 29.Qxf8 Rxc2 30.Be5+ Kb7 31.h4 Re2 32.Qf7+ Ka6 33.Bf4 Bb7 34.h5 c4 35.dxc4 c5 36.Qd7 Rxg2+ 37.Kf1 Rc6 38.h6 Ra2 39.h7 Rf6 40.h8Q Rxf4+ 41.Ke1 Re4+ 42.Kd1 Rd4+ 43.Qhxd4 cxd4 44.Qxd4 Ra5 45.Qb2 Ka7 46.Kd2 Rc5 47.Kc3 Ba6 48.Kd4 Rxc4+ 49.Kd5 Rc5+ 50.Kd6 Bb5 51.Qg7+ Ka6 52.Qa1+ Kb7 53.Qg7+ Kb8 54.Qh8+ Rc8 55.Qg7 Rc6+ 56.Kd5 Rc5+ 57.Kd4 Rc4+ 58.Ke3 Rc7 59.Qf8+ Kb7 60.Qd6 Bc6 61.Qf6 Rd7 62.Kf4 Rd5 63.Qe7+ Rd7 64.Qb4 Rc7 65.Ke5 Rd7 66.Ke6 Rd5 67.Qe7+ Ka6 68.Qb4 Rb5 69.Qa4+ Kb7 70.Qd4 Rc5 71.Qg7+ Ka6 72.Qa1+ Ba4 73.Qg7 Rc6+ 0-1 (73) Rivuza (2789)-GgangbuVip (2730) Blitz 2022]

[8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Qf4 Bc5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.c3 Bb6 15.c4 Bd4 16.Be2 c5 17.Be3 b5 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Kb1 Rb8 20.c5 Qd5 21.Qd2 Qxc5 22.Bf3 b4 23.Rc1 Qb5 24.Rc6 b3 25.a3 Bd5 26.Rc7 b2 27.Bxd5+ Qxd5 28.Qg5 Rf7 29.Rxf7 Qxf7 30.Re1 Qb3 31.Qxf5 Qxa3 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Kc2 Qc3+ 34.Kb1 Qxd3+ 35.Ka2 b1Q+ 36.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 37.Ka3 Qb2+ 0-1 (37) Marsizback (2768)-Ragned93 (2797) Blitz 2022]

[8.cxd4? Qxd4 forks a1 and e5, 9.Rb1 Nc6 10.Ne2 Sequera Paolini,J (2396)-Lokander,M (2231) Cappelle la Grande 2013, 0-1 (25), Qxe5 with a good extra pawn.]

[8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Bf4 *(9.Bb2 Nxe5 10.Qg3 Ng4 11.Nxd4 Bd6 12.Qf3 0-0 13.0-0-0 c5 14.Nb3 Be6 15.c4 a5 16.h3 Ne5 17.Qe2 a4 18.Nxc5 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Rfe8 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.d4 a3 22.dxe5 axb2 23.c5 Bxe5 24.Qc4 Rae8 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.Bb5 h6 27.Bxe8 Rxe8 28.Rhe1 Kh7 29.Qd5 f4 30.Re2 h5 31.Rde1 f3 32.gxf3 Rd8 33.Qxe5* 1-0 (33) Mapwright (2716)-Violet_Pride (2613) Blitz 2019*; 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Rb1 Qxe5+ 12.Kd1 Bd6 13.Bb2 Qe7 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qh6 Be5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.d4 Qxd4+ 18.Bd3 Kf7 19.Re1 b6 20.g4 Qxg4+ 21.Kd2 Be6 22.Rxe6 Kxe6 23.Qg7 Qg5+ 24.Ke2 Qe7 25.Qd4 Kf7+ 26.Kf3 Rhd8 27.Bc4+ Ke8 28.Bb5+ Kf7 29.Bc4+ Ke8 30.Bb5+ Kf7 31.Bc4+* ½-½ (31) orhanilu (2707)-alexandar71 (2537) Blitz 2024*)* 9...Be7 *(9...Be6 10.c4 Qd7 11.g3 0-0-0 12.Bg2 Bb4+ 13.Kf2 Be7 14.h4 g6 15.Rab1 h6 16.Rb3 g5 17.Rhb1 b6 18.Bd2 Kb7 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.a4 Rh2 21.Kg1 Rdh8 22.a5 Rxg2+ 23.Qxg2 Bc5 24.axb6 cxb6 25.Rb5 Qe7 26.Bxg5 Qxg5 27.Rxc5*

Qe3+ 28.Kf1 Bd7 29.Rd5 Kc7 30.Nf4 Nb4 31.Re1 Nxc2 32.Rxd7+ Kxd7 33.Qb7+ Kd8 34.Rxe3 Nxe3+ 35.Kf2 Re8 36.Nd5 1-0 (36) Felix_Kuznetsov (2720)-SaxKaiGoal (2732) Blitz 2023*; 9...dxc3 10.Qg3 Be6 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Nf4 Nd4 13.Kd1 Qa4 14.Qf2 Bc5 15.g3 Nb3 16.Qe2 Nxa1 17.Nxe6 Qxa2* 0-1 (17) Molt7n (2704)-Somesweeties (2635) Blitz 2021*)* 10.g3 Be6 11.Bg2 Qd7 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Rb1 Qc3+ 15.Bd2 Qxc2 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.Bd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Ke2 Bg5 20.Rbd1 Rfe8 21.h4 Rad8 22.Qb3 Rxe5+ 23.Kf2 Be3+ 24.Kf3 Qc6+ 0-1 (24) taras05 (2738)-Poirot_Hercule (2732) Blitz 2023]

[8.Nh3 dxc3 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qg5 Qxg5 11.Bxg5 Be7 12.d4 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Nb4 14.Bc4 c6 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.a3 Nd5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Rd3 Be6 19.Rxc3 Rhc8 20.Kd2 Rxc3 21.Kxc3 Rc8+ 22.Kb3 h6 23.Nf4 g5 24.Nd3 b6 25.g3 Rc4 26.c3 Bd7 27.h4 f4 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Rh7+ Kd8 30.gxf4 Bf5 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Nb4 Be4 33.fxg5 a5 34.Nc2 Rc6 35.Ne3 Rg6 36.Rh5 Bf3 37.Rh3 Be4 38.Rg3 Ke6 39.c4 dxc4+ 40.Kxc4 Bb7 41.Kb5 Kd7 42.d5 Kc7 43.d6+ Kd7 44.Kxb6 Be4 45.Kc5 Ke6 46.Kd4 Bc6 47.Nc4 a4 48.Na5 Bd5 49.Nc4 Rg8 50.g6 Rc8 51.Ne3 Bb3 52.g7 Kf7 53.Nd5 Rc4+ 54.Kd3 Rc8 55.g8Q+ Rxg8 56.Rxg8 Kxg8 57.Nf6+ Kf7 58.Kd4 Ke6 59.Ne4 Ba2 60.Nc5+ Kf7 61.Ke4 Bb1+ 62.Kf4 Ba2 63.Kf5 Bb1+ 64.Kg5 Ba2 65.d7 Ke7 66.e6 Bxe6 67.Nxe6 Kxd7 68.Nc5+ Kd6 69.Nxa4 Kd5 70.Nb2 Kc5 71.a4 Kb4 72.Kf4 Kc3 73.Ke4 Kb4 74.Kd4 Ka5 75.Kc4 Kb6 76.Kb4 Ka6 77.Nc4 Ka7 78.Kb5 Kb7 79.a5 Ka7 80.a6 Ka8 81.Ka5 Ka7 82.Nd6 Kb8 83.Nb5 Ka8 84.Kb6 Kb8 85.a7+ Ka8 86.Nc7# 1-0 (86) Fraysinator (2729)-jimmypage777 (2654) Blitz 2022]

[8.Qf4 Nc6 9.Nf3 dxc3 10.Qc4 Nb4 11.Qxc3 Nd5 12.Qb3 Bb4+ 13.Kf2 Bc5+ 14.Ke1 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Be6 17.Qxb7 0-0 18.Qc6 Qe7 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.Be2 Rb6 21.Rxb6 axb6 22.Rb1 Rd8 23.d4 Nf4 24.Bc4 Bd5 25.Rb5 Bxc4 26.Qxc4+ Kh8 27.g3 Ne6 28.c3 Ng5 29.Nxg5 Qxg5+ 30.Kc2 Qe3 31.Rb2 c5 32.Rxb6 cxd4 33.Rd6 Qf2+ 34.Kd1 Rb8 35.Qb5 Rg8 36.cxd4 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Qxh2+ 38.Qe2 Qxg3 39.Qe3 Qg2+ 40.Kd3 Qxa2 41.Rc6 Qb3+ 42.Rc3 Qb5+ 43.Kd2 Qd5 44.e6 Re8 45.e7 Qd7 46.Qe5 h6 47.Rc7 Qa4 48.d5 Qa2+ 49.Kd3 Qb3+ 50.Ke2 Qa2+ 51.Kf3 Qb3+ 52.Kf4 Qd3 53.Qxf5 Qd4+ 54.Qe4 Qf6+ 55.Ke3 Qb6+ 56.Qd4 0-1 (56) Ponkratov,P (2641)-Nasuta,G (2521) Warsaw POL 2021]

[8.Bb2 dxc3 9.Bxc3 Bb4 10.Bxb4 Qh4+ 11.Qf2 Qxb4+ 12.Qd2 Qb2 13.Rd1 Qxe5+ 14.Be2 0-0 15.Nf3 Qe6 16.0-0 Re8 17.Rde1 Qxa2 18.Qc3 h6 19.d4 Qa4 20.Qc5 Qd7 21.Bb5 c6 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bc4+ Kh7 24.Re1 Qd8 25.Re7 Qf8 26.Bf7 f4 27.Nh4 Na6 28.Qe5 1-0 (28) Mondry,M (2489)-Rosner,D (2175) www.remoteschach.de 2009]

8...Be6

[8...g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.Bf3 0-0 11.Ne2 dxc3 12.h4 Nc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h5 Qe8 15.d4 gxh5 16.Nf4 c5 17.Nxh5 Qg6 18.Qxg6 hxg6

19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.Bh6+ Kf7 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.dxc5 Bb7 23.Rh8+ Kg7 24.Rxa8 Bxa8 25.Kf2 Kf7 26.Rh1 Ke6 27.Rh7 Be4 28.Ke3 Bxc2 29.Kd4 Be4 30.Kxc3 Bxg2 31.Kd4 f4 32.Rxc7 g5 33.Rxa7 g4 34.Rg7 Kf5 35.e6 Kxe6 36.Rxg4 Bd5 37.Rxf4 Bxa2 38.Rf2 Bb1 39.Rb2 Bf5 40.Rb7 Bh3 41.Rh7 Bg2 42.Kc4 Be4 43.Rg7 Bc6 44.Kb4 Kd5 45.Rg5+ Ke6 46.Ka5 Kd7 47.Kb6 Be4 48.c6+ 1-0 (48) Qay13 (2722)-SirBasilGolightly (2645) Blitz 2022]

9.Be2 Nc6

[9...Qd7 10.c4 Bb4+ 11.Kf2 Na6 12.Bf3 0-0-0 13.Ne2 c6 14.h4 Bc5 15.Rd1 Nb4 16.Rd2 g6 17.a3 Na6 18.Rd1 h6 19.Nf4 Rdg8 20.Kg1 Kb8 21.Re1 Ka8 22.Qf2 g5 23.Nh5 Qd8 24.Nf6 Rg7 25.a4 Nc7 26.Bb2 Bc8 27.Bh5 a6 28.Rf1 Ne6 29.Qxf5 gxh4 30.Qe4 h3 31.g4 Re7 32.Qe1 Ng7 33.Bg6 Qc7 34.Qg3 h5 35.Ne4 Ba7 36.g5 h4 37.Qh2 Bb8 38.Kh1 Qd8 39.Bc1 Re6 40.Rf6 Bxe5 41.Qf2 c5 42.Bd2 Bxf6 43.gxf6 Ne8 44.Bg5 Nd6 45.Rg1 Qg8 46.Bf5 Nxf5 47.Qxf5 Qf7 48.Bf4 Rf8 49.Rg7 Rxf6 50.Qxf6 Qxf6 51.Nxf6 Rxf6 52.Rg8 Rxf4 53.Rxc8+ Ka7 54.Rxc5 Rf2 55.Rd5 Rxc2 56.Rxd4 Kb6 57.Rxh4 Ka5 58.Rh7 Rb2 59.c5 Kxa4 60.d4 Rb4 0-1 (60) RaFenacht,M (2529)-Zugrav,W (2579) ICCF 2019]

10.Bf3 Szabo,Krisztian: 'Moradiabadi, Elshan: '- 20/265"

[10.c4 Bb4+ *(10...Qd7 11.Nf3 Bb4+ 12.Kd1 0-0-0 13.Rb1 h6 14.h4 g5 15.Bd2 f4 16.Qf2 Bc5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Rxh8 Rxh8 19.Nxg5 Rh1+ 20.Be1 Nb4 21.Nxe6 Qa4 22.Bg4 Nxd3 23.Nxc5+ Kb8 24.Nxa4 Nxf2+ 25.Ke2 Nxg4 26.e6 Rh8 27.Nc5 b6 28.Nd3 Ne3 29.Nxf4 Nxc4 30.Kd3 Ne5+ 31.Kxd4 Nc6+ 32.Ke4 Ne7 33.Bb4 Nc6 34.Ba3 Kb7 35.g4 Rd8 36.c3 Rd2 37.Rb2 Rd1 38.g5 Re1+ 39.Re2 Rg1 40.g6 Rg4 41.Kf5 Rg3 42.e7 Nxe7+ 43.Bxe7* 1-0 (43) klorp27 (2731)-SaxKaiGoal (2724) Blitz 2022 *)*

A) 11.Kf2 is also possible, 0-0

A1) 12.Bf4 Bc3 13.Rb1 Nb4 14.Bd1 *(14.Nf3 Nxc2 15.Rxb7 Ne3 16.h3 Rb8 17.Rhb1 Rxb7 18.Rxb7 a5 19.Rb3 Bb4 20.Nxd4 Ng4+ 21.hxg4 Bc5 22.g5 Qxd4+ 23.Ke1 Bb4+ 24.Kd1 Bxc4 25.Be3 Qa1+* 0-1 (25) Aborigen100500 (2728)-Ernst_Gruenfeld (2844) Blitz 2022*)* 14...Nxa2 15.Rxb7 Nb4 16.Ne2 Qc8 17.Rb5 c6 18.Nxc3 cxb5 19.Nxb5 a5 20.Nxd4 a4 21.c3 Nc6 22.Bf3 Nxd4 23.cxd4 a3 24.d5 a2 25.Ra1 Qc5+ 26.Be3 Qb4 27.Bd4 f4 28.Qh4 Qd2+ 29.Be2 Bf5 30.e6 Bxd3 31.Qg4 Qxe2+ 32.Qxe2 Bxe2 33.Kxe2 Rfb8 34.d6 Re8 35.e7 Kf7 36.Kf3 g5 37.Ke4 Ke6 38.c5 Ra4 39.Kd3 Rb8 40.Bc3 Kd7 41.Be5 g4 42.c6+ Kxc6 43.d7 Kxd7 44.Bxb8 Kxe7 45.Be5 Ke6 46.Bd4 Kd5 47.Bf2 Ra3+ 48.Kc2 h5 0-1 (48) Aborigen100500 (2731)-Ernst_Gruenfeld (2842) Blitz 2022;

A2) 12.Nh3 f4 13.Nxf4 Nxe5 14.h4 Ng6 15.Rf1 Qxh4 16.Qxh4 Nxh4 17.Kg1 Bd7 18.Rb1 Bd6 19.g3 Nf5 20.Kh2

Rae8 21.Bf3 b6 22.Bd2 Nxg3 23.Kxg3 g5 24.Rbe1 Bxf4+ 25.Bxf4 gxf4+ 26.Kf2 Re3 27.Be4 h5 28.Rh1 Bg4 29.Rh4 Kg7 30.Rg1 Kf6 31.Rgxg4 hxg4 32.Rxg4 Ke6 33.Rg6+ Rf6 34.Bd5+ Ke5 35.Rg8 f3 36.Kf1 f2 37.Be4 Re1+ 0-1 (37) smihir6 (2717)-bulletnik (2831) Blitz 2024;

A3) 12.Nf3 Qd7 13.Rb1 *(13.Bf4 h6 14.Bxh6 Bc5 15.Bf4 Bxc4 16.h4 Bd5 17.h5 Nd8 18.h6 Ne6 19.h7+ Kh8 20.Nh4 Nxf4 21.Qxf4 Bf7 22.Bf3 Be7 23.Nxf5 Be8 24.g4 g6 25.e6 Qxe6 26.Rae1 Qd7 27.Rxe7 Qxe7 28.Qxd4+ Qf6 29.Qxf6+ Rxf6 30.Ne3 Bc6 31.Rh3 Raf8 32.Nf5 gxf5 33.g5 Rg6 34.Rh5 Bxf3 35.Kxf3 Rf7 36.Rh4 Rxh7 37.Rd4 Rxg5 38.Kf4 Rg4+* 0-1 (38) klorp27 (2709)-xenoxer (2682) Blitz 2022 *)* 13...Rae8 14.Bf4 Bc5 Perez Mitjans,O (2404)-Mestre Bellido,H (2292) Barbera del Valles 2009, ß-ß (31).;

B) 11.Bd2?! is worse, though, Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Qe7 aiming for b4, Cannon,R (1990)-Tejaswini,S (2180) Caleta 2020, 0-1 (45).;

C) 11.Kd1 Szabo,Krisztian: 'Standard, defending g7 and e6/f5 while preparing to castle long. However,' 11...0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: 'also makes sense now,' *(11...Qd7 12.Bh5+ g6 13.Bf3 0-0-0 14.Rb1 Be7 15.h4 b6 16.Nh3 h6 17.Nf4 g5 18.Ng6 Rhg8 19.Bxc6* 1-0 (19) Aborigen100500 (2730)-bosspotato (2487) Rapid 2023 *)*

C1) 12.Nf3 Kh8 *(12...Be7 13.h4 Kh8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rb1 Rab8 16.h5 a6 17.h6 g6 18.Qf4 b5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Ke1 Bxa2 21.Rb2 Bd5 22.Kf2 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Nxe5 25.Re1 Qd6 26.Kf1 c6 27.Ra2 Rb7 28.Ra6 Re7 29.Re2 Kg8 30.Bxc6 Qf6 31.Bd5+* 1-0 (31) pipita09 (2700)-rory_sutherland (2780) Blitz 2024 *)* 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.h4 a5 15.a3 Bc5 16.h5 Ne7 17.Nh4 Kg8 18.Ng6 Rf7 19.Bf3 c6 20.Bh6 f4 21.Nxf4 Nf5 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Bg4 Qxh6 24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.Rb1 b6 26.Re1 Qxh5+ 0-1 (26) klorp27 (2747)-GgangbuVip (2763) Blitz 2023;

C2) 12.Bf3 Bc3 *(12...f4! 13.Bxf4 Ne7 14.Ne2 Nf5 15.Qf2* Barash,A (2138)-Bjelobrk,I (2405) Chess.com INT 2022, 1-0 (39), *c6 16.Rb1 a5* with a strong initiative.*)* 13.Rb1 Nb4? *(13...f4!? 14.Bxf4 Ne7* is again interesting.*)* 14.Ne2! Nxa2 15.Bh6 *(15.Nf4!)* 15...Rf7 16.Nf4 Qe7 *(16...Qd7 17.Rxb7)* 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bd5 Qg6 20.e6 winning material, Seul,G (2372)-Yilmaz,M (2630) Chess.com INT 2020, but not the game - 0-1 (25)!;

C3) 12.Nh3!? Qe7 13.Bf3 Nd8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Nf4 c6 16.h4 Bf7 17.h5 Ne6 18.h6 ½-½ (18) Frendzas,P (2543)-Silva Filho,A (2086) LSS 2020;

C4) 12.h4 b5 13.cxb5 Ne7 14.Nh3 Nd5 15.Bb2 f4 16.Qg5 Ne3+ 17.Kc1 Be7 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6 Bxh3 20.Rxh3 Rf5

21.g4 Bf8 22.gxf5 Bxh6 23.f6 Qd7 24.Rf3 Re8 25.Kd2 Rxe5 26.Rg1 Kf7 27.a4 c5 28.h5 g5 29.Rf2 g4 0-1 (29) Katarina0TP (2828)-aspiringstar (2940) Blitz 2022]

[10.Bh5+ g6 11.Bf3 dxc3 *(11...Qd7 12.c4 Be7 13.h4 Nb4 14.Kd1 c6 15.Ne2 b5 16.a3 Nxc2 17.Kxc2 bxc4 18.Nf4 cxd3+ 19.Kxd3 Rb8 20.Bd2 Rb3+ 21.Ke2 Bc4+ 22.Kf2 Rb2 23.Rhd1 Qd8 24.Nxg6 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Bf7 26.Qxc6+ Kf8 27.Kg1 Bxh4 28.e6 Bg3 29.exf7 Rh1+ 30.Kxh1 Qh4+ 31.Kg1 Qh2+ 32.Kf1* 1-0 (32) Rikikits (2760)-LSGeneraal (2889) Blitz 2023*)* 12.Ne2 Qd7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Bf6 Rg8 16.0-0 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Bb6 18.Nxc3 Nd4 19.a4 Nxf3 20.Qxf3 a5 21.Rxb6 cxb6 22.Nb5 Kb8 23.Rb1 Bd5 24.Qf2 Re6 25.c4 Bc6 26.Nd4 Rxf6 27.exf6 Bxa4 28.Rxb6 Rd8 29.Ne6 Rc8 30.Nc5 Rxc5 31.Qxc5 Bc6 32.Qxc6 1-0 (32) Rikikits (2825)-blueberry_pancakes (2564) Blitz 2023]

[10.Nf3? dxc3 *(10...Qd7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.c4 h6 13.Nh4 g5 14.Nxf5 h5 15.Qf3 Bc5 16.Qe4 Rdf8 17.g4 hxg4 18.Bxg4 Rh7 19.Bxg5 Rhf7 20.Nh6 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 a5 23.h4 Kb8 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Qf5 Qe8 26.e6 Bd6 27.Qf7 Qh8 28.Qg8+ Qxg8 29.Nxg8 Kc8 30.h5 Be5 31.h6* 1-0 (31) ice2breaker (2705)-Mogelvogel (2572) Blitz 2021*)* 11.0-0 Qd7∓ Sveshnikov, E (2483)-Mikhalchishin,A (2465) Maribor rapid 2019]

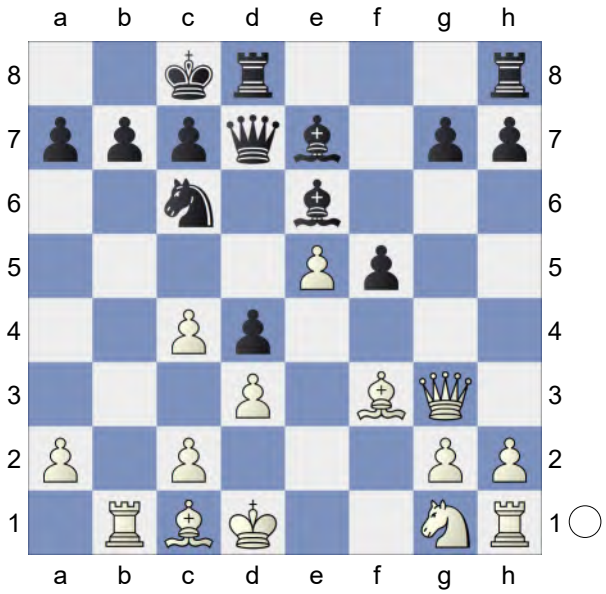
[10.Rb1? (Perez Mitjans,O (2438)-Canal Oliveras,J (2241) Barbera del Valles 2008) dxc3 11.Rxb7 Nd4 12.Bd1 Be7 13.Qxg7 Rg8 14.Qxh7 Qd7∓ and Black is clearly better thanks to his activity.]

[10.Nh3?! dxc3 *(10...Qd5 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Bg5 Rd7 13.Bf3 Qc5 14.Nf4 dxc3+ 15.Kh1 Nd4 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Qh3 g6 19.g4 Qxe5 20.Rae1 Ng7 21.Bf4 Qc5 22.Qg2 c6 23.Be3 Qa5 24.Qf2 Bd6 25.Bxa7 c5 26.Rb1 Qxa7 27.Rb3 Re8 28.Rfb1 Ree7 29.Rxc3 Rc7* 0-1 (29) Vankov Stoyan (2405)-Dimov, K (2415) *)*

A) 11.Nf4?! (Jarovinsky,A (2305)-Li, H (1990) Chess.com blitz 2021) Qe7 *(11...Qd7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Rb1 g6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Bd1 Bc5 16.Kh1 Bb6 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Bf3 c6 19.Rb4 Bxe5 20.Re1 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Rhe8 22.Reb1 Bxa2 23.Ra1 Qd6 24.Qxd6 Rxd6 25.h4 Bd5 26.Rxa7 Re7 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Rc4 Re2 29.Rxc3 Rb5 30.Ra8+ Kc7 31.Rh8 Re7 32.Kh2 Rb1 33.h5 gxh5 34.Rc5 Rf1 35.Rf8 Re2 36.Rf7+ Kb6 37.Rc3 Rff2 38.Rg7 Rxc2 39.Rb3+ Kc5 40.Rbxb7 f4 41.Kh3 f3 42.gxf3 Rxf3+ 43.Kh4 Rh2+ 44.Kg5 Rg3+ 45.Kf4 Rxg7 46.Rxg7 Kd4 47.Rd7+ Kc5 48.Rxh7 h4 49.Rh5+ Kb6 50.d4 Rh1 51.d5 c5 52.Rh6+ Kb5 53.Rh8 h3 54.Kg3 Rd1 55.Rb8+ Kc4 56.Kxh3 Rxd5 57.Kg3 Rf5 58.Kg4 Rf7 59.Rb6 Kc3 60.Rc6 c4 61.Rd6 Kb3 62.Rc6 c3 63.Rc7 Kc2 64.Rxf7* 1-0 (64) trobe35 (2703)-seksi_cigra (2725) Blitz 2023 *)* 12.Bf3 Nd4 13.0-0 0-0-0-+ and Black is more active, in addition, he is up a pawn.;

B) 11.Be3 Qd7∓]

10...Qd7
[10...Bd5 11.c4 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Qd7 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Rb1 h6 15.Nh4 f4 16.Qe1 g5 17.e6 Qd6 18.Nf5 Qc5 19.Rb5 1-0 (19) Aborigen100500 (2730)-Violet_Pride (2727) Blitz 2022]
11.c4 Szabo,Krisztian: 'is transposing to 10.♗f3.' Szabo,Krisztian: 'Kosten, Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'might be right here, too:"
[11.Ne2 Bc5 *(11...Bd5 12.c4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Bb4+ 14.Kd1 0-0 15.Bf4 Kh8 16.Rb1 Rae8 17.Qd5 Qe7 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 c5 20.Qd6 Qh4 21.g3 Qg4+ 22.Kc1 Rd8 23.Qe7 Rfe8 24.Qxb7 Qe2 25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.Qxb4 Rb8 27.Qd2 Qf3 28.Re1 Qb7 29.Qc3 Qb1+ 30.Kd2 Qb7 31.e6 Rbd8 32.Re2 Qc6 33.e7 Rd7 34.Qe5 Qa4 35.Bh6 Rdxe7 36.Bxg7+ Kg8 37.Qd5+ Kxg7 38.Qd4+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kg7 40.Qd4+ Kg6 41.Qd6+ Kf7 42.Qd5+ Kf6 43.Qd6+ Re6 44.Qd4+ Kf7 45.Rf2 Qa5+ 46.Kc1 Qe1+ 47.Kb2 Qe5 48.Qxe5 Rxe5 49.Kc3 Kg6 50.Rf4 Re2 51.h4 Rg2 52.h5+ Kg5 53.h6 Ree2 54.Rd4 Rxc2+ 55.Kb4 Rxg3 56.Kc5 Rd2 57.Rd8 Rdxd3 58.Rg8+ Kf4 59.Rh8 Rg6 60.Rxh7 Rh3 61.Rxa7 Rhxh6 62.Ra3 Rc6+ 63.Kb4 Rh4 64.c5 Kg5+ 65.Kb5 Rc8 66.Rg3+ Kf4 67.Rd3 Rb8+ 68.Kc6 Kg5 69.Rd4 1-0 (69) trobe35 (2703)-miki_train (2636) Blitz 2023)*
12.c4 0-0 13.0-0 Rad8 14.Bf4 Nb4 15.Rfc1 c6 16.Qe1 Bxc4 17.a3 Na6 18.dxc4 d3+ 19.Kh1 d2 20.Bxd2 Qxd2 21.Bd5+ Rxd5 22.cxd5 Qxd5 23.Nf4 Qe4 1-0 (23) Aborigen100500 (2709)-axel1702 (2489) Rapid 2023]
11...Nb4
[11...Bb4+ 12.Kd1 *(12.Kf2 0-0-0 13.Rb1 Bc5 14.Rb5 b6 15.Ne2 a6 16.Rxc5 bxc5 17.Ba3 Nb4 18.Rb1 Qa4 19.Bxb4 cxb4 20.Qxg7 Rhe8 21.Bh5 Qxc2 22.Rxb4 Qxd3 23.Rb3 Qd2 24.Bxe8 d3 25.Bh5 dxe2 26.Bxe2 Qd4+ 27.Kf3 Qe4+ 28.Kf2 Qd4+ 29.Kf3 Qe4+ 30.Kf2 Qd4+* ½-½ (30) Aborigen100500 (2729)-axel1702 (2539) Rapid 2023*)*
12...0-0-0 13.Rb1
A) 13...Be7 Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'N' 'N' 'N' 'N' Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'Diagram



' Kosten,Tony: 'A new move.' 14.Nh3 Moradiabadi,Elshan: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' *(* Kosten,Tony: 'In retrospect,' *14.h4* (Hafiz,A (2251)-Batsuren,D (2525) Jakarta 2023) Moradiabadi,Elshan: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'This move secures the f4-square. White is practically better here.' Kosten, Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'to control g5 and f4, would be best.' *b6 15.Bd2 h6 16.h5* Moradiabadi, Elshan: ' ± ' ± ' ± ' ± ' ± ' ± ' *Bc5 17.a4 Rhe8 18.Ne2 Bf7 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.a5 Re7 21.axb6 axb6 22.Ra1*

Kb7=)

A1) 14...h6 is the other possibility, 15.Nf4 *(15.Qg6!? Rhe8 16.Nf4 Bf8)* 15...g5 16.Nxe6 Qxe6;

A2) 14...b6 Kosten,Tony: 'This frees the c6-knight.'

A2a) 15.Re1 is the another option, Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'This was a must, but White's position is already hard to play. ' Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'This was a must, but White's position is already hard to play. ' Kosten,Tony: '!?' Nb4 16.Rb2 Bxc4!

A2a1) 17.dxc4?! is weaker because of d3! 18.Bd5 dxc2+ 19.Ke2 Nxd5 20.Qf3 *(20.cxd5? Qxd5-+)* 20...Qc6 21.cxd5 Rxd5∓ and Black is slightly better.;

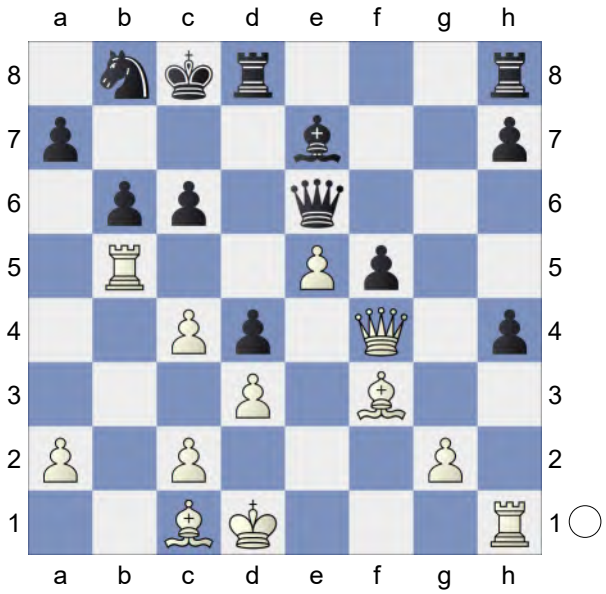
A2a2) 17.a3! Nd5 18.dxc4 Nc3+ 19.Kd2 g5⩱ Moradiabadi,Elshan: ' ⇄' '⇄' '⇄' '⇄' '⇄' '⇄' '⇄';

A2b) 15.Nf4 g5 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'This is one advantage of having the bishop on e7, Black can play this thematic move without any further preparation.' 16.Nxe6 *(16.Nd5!?)* 16...Qxe6 17.Rb5 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'White controls d5 and defends e5.' *(17.Bd5?! Rxd5! 18.cxd5 Qxd5* favours Black.*; 17.Bxg5?? Rhg8 18.h4 h6)*

A2b1) The engine recommended 17...a6 18.Bd5 Qg6 19.Rb3 *(19.Rb1)* 19...Nb4 20.Rxb4 Bxb4 21.Qxg5 Rde8 22.a3 Bc3 23.Qf6 Rhf8 24.Qxg6 hxg6 25.Bf4 g5 26.Bxg5 Rxe5 27.Bf4 Re7= leads to an equal position, but Black has better chances.;

A2b2) 17...Nb8

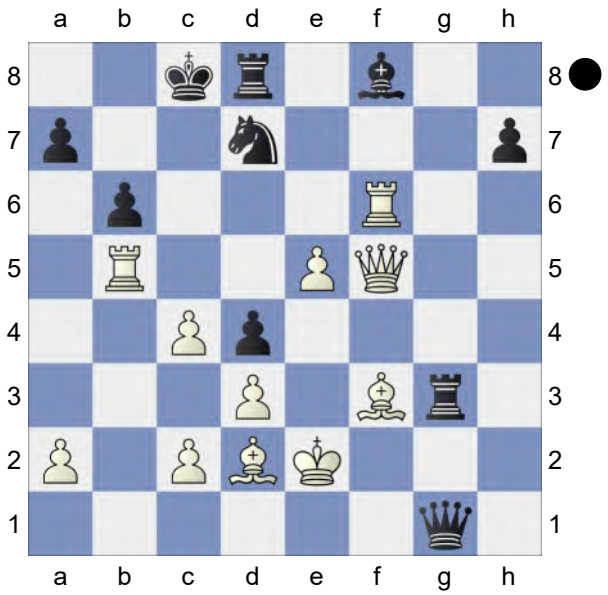
A2b21) 18.h4 Moradiabadi,Elshan: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' Kosten, Tony: '!?' gxh4 19.Qf4 c6 Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'Diagram



' 20.g4!!∞ Moradiabadi, Elshan: '!!' '!!' '!!' '!!' '!!' '!!' hxg3 Moradiabadi,Elshan *(20...cxb5* Moradiabadi, Elshan *21.gxf5±)* 21.Rh6 Qf7 22.Bxc6 Bf8 23.Rf6 Qh5+

A2b211) 24.Bf3 g2 25.Bxh5 g1Q+ 26.Ke2 Rg8 27.Bf3 Rg3! *(27...Be7? 28.Qxf5+ Nd7 29.Rc6+ Kb8 30.Bf4 Rg2+ 31.Bxg2 Qxg2+ 32.Kd1 Qxc6*

33.e6+ Kb7 34.exd7 Qf3+ 35.Kd2 Qg2+ 36.Kd1 Qf3+=)
28.Qxf5+ Nd7 29.Bd2
Diagram



Bb4!! An insane tempo winning move. Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'An insane tempo winning move.' 30.Rxb4 *(30.Bxb4? Qe3+ 31.Kd1 Rg1+ 32.Be1 Qxe1# #)* 30...Rdg8 31.Bb7+ Kc7 32.Qf2 Nxf6 33.Qxg1 Rxg1 34.Bf3 Nh5!∓;

A2b212) 24.Qf3 g2 25.Qxh5 g1Q+ 26.Ke2 Qxc1 27.Qxf5+ Nd7 28.Bxd7+ Rxd7 29.Rc6+ Kb8 30.Qxd7 Qxc2+ 31.Kf1 Qd1+=;

A2b22) 18.Rd5?! Moradiabadi,Elshan: '?' '?' '?' '?' '?' '?' '?' Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'This is definitely a mistake.' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'This is definitely a mistake.' 18...c6 Kosten,Tony: '!' 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.h3 Moradiabadi, Elshan: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' *(20.Qf2∞; 20.Rf1* Moradiabadi,Elshan *Nd7 21.Qf2 Nxe5 22.Re1 Qd6 23.Qe2 Nxf3 24.Qxf3 Rf8 25.Rxe7 Qxe7 26.Qxc6+ Kb8 27.Bxg5 Qc7 28.Qf3=* with good drawing chances. *)* 20...Nd7 Kosten,Tony: 'White has the pair of bishops but e5 is exposed.' 21.Qh2?! *(21.Qf2 Kc7∓; 21.Bd2)* 21...h6 22.g4?! *(22.Re1 Bb4 23.Bd2 Bxd2 24.Kxd2 Re8∓)* 22...Nxe5 *(22...f4 23.Be4 Bb4)* 23.gxf5 Nxf3 Kosten,Tony: '!' *(23...Qxf5 24.Be4)* 24.fxe6 Nxh2 25.Rxh2 Kosten,Tony: 'These last few moves were forced but now Whote is almost losing as his e6-pawn is weak and will be surrounded.' Rf8 *(25...Kc7!* to d6 is strong. *)* 26.Bb2

A2b221) 26...c5 27.c3 dxc3 28.Bxc3 Kd8∓ *(28...Rf5)*;

A2b222) 26...Rf4?! Moradiabadi,Elshan: 'White is going to lose the e6-pawn. A long suffering awaited

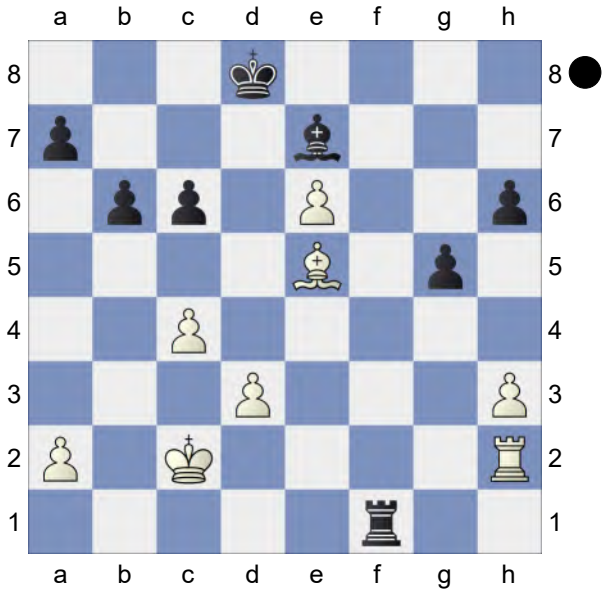
Rapport.' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'White is going to lose the e6-pawn. A long suffering awaited Rapport.' 27.c3

A2b2221) 27...Bd6 (Moradiabadi, Elshan) This is an important option. 28.Re2 *(28.cxd4? Rf1+-+)* 28...dxc3 29.Bxc3 Kd8∓;

A2b2222) 27...dxc3 28.Bxc3 Kosten,Tony: 'White has exchanged one of his doubled pawns and is now almost equal.' Kd8

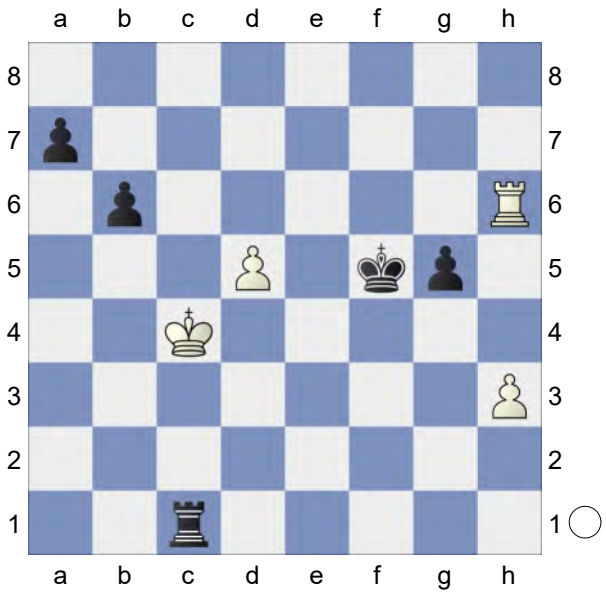
A2b22221) 29.Bg7 Moradiabadi, Elshan: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' Rh4 *(29...h5* Moradiabadi, Elshan *30.Be5* would have been better as the g5-pawn is loose now. Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'would have been better as the g5-pawn is loose now.' *)* 30.Be5∓;

A2b22222) 29.Be5?! Rf1+ 30.Kc2? Moradiabadi, Elshan: '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' '?!' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'Diagram *(30.Ke2 Rf5 31.d4 Bf6 32.Bxf6+ Rxf6 33.d5 cxd5 34.cxd5 Rf5 35.Rf2* Moradiabadi, Elshan: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' *Rxd5 36.Rf7=* Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'and draw is the most plausible outcome.' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'and draw is the most plausible outcome.' *)*



' 30...Bf6?! *(30...c5∓* Moradiabadi, Elshan: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'first would have been better. This way White will not have any counter-play.' Moradiabadi,

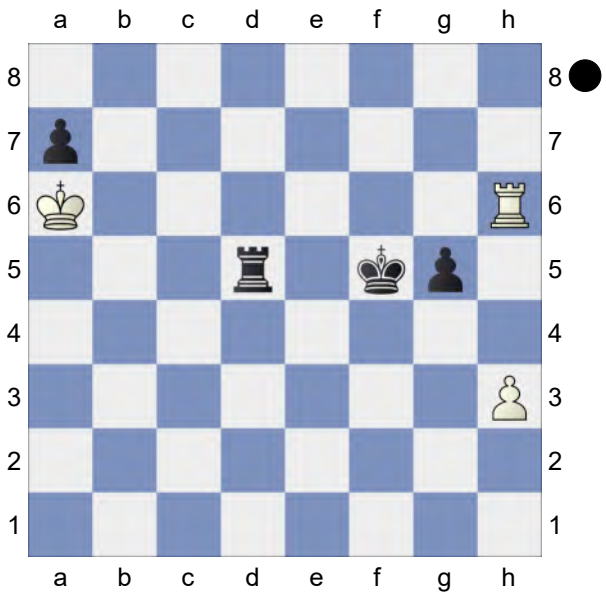
Elshan: 'first would have been better. This way White will not have any counter-play.') 31.Re2 Moradiabadi, Elshan: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' Ke7 32.d4 Kxe6 33.Bxf6+ Kxf6 34.d5 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'White needs access to the e6 square to gain enough counterplay.' cxd5 35.cxd5 Ra1 36.Re6+ Kosten,Tony: '?!' *(36.Kb3* Moradiabadi, Elshan *h5 37.Rf2+ Ke5 38.Rg2 Kf4 39.Rd2=* was much easier.*; 36.Kd3 h5 37.Kd4* is equal, the passed d-pawn is a useful asset and the black king is cut off. *)* 36...Kf5 37.Rxh6 Rxa2+ 38.Kb3?! *(38.Kc3 Ke5 39.d6 Ra1 40.Kc4 Ra5 41.Rg6 Rc5+ 42.Kb3 Rd5 43.Kc4 Rxd6 44.Rxg5+= Kf6* Moradiabadi, Elshan *45.Rg1 a6 46.h4=)* 38...Ra1?! *(38...Rd2 39.d6 Ke5 40.Rg6 a5 41.Ka4 Rd5∓)* **A2b222221)** 39.d6 Ke5 *(39...Rd1 40.Kb4 Ke5 41.Rg6 Rxd6 42.Rxg5+ Kf6 43.Rg4 Rd3 44.h4* might be a draw as the black queenside pawns can't advance.*)* 40.Rg6 Rd1 41.Kc4=; **A2b222222)** 39.Kc4?! Rc1+ Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'Diagram



' 40.Kd4? Moradiabadi, Elshan: '??' '??' '??' '??' '??' '??' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'Losing blunder on the notorious 40th move.' Moradiabadi,

Elshan: 'Losing blunder on the notorious 40th move.' Kosten, Tony: 'The losing mistake - on the 40th move, as is so often the case!' *(40.Kb3* Kosten,Tony: '!' *Rd1∓ 41.d6=* (Moradiabadi, Elshan) maintains the draw. *Ke5 42.Rg6 Rxd6 43.Rxg5+ Kf6 44.Rh5* with reasonable drawing chances.*)* 40...Rd1+ 41.Kc4 b5+ Moradiabadi, Elshan: '-+' '-+' '-+' '-+' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'This is the difference. White loses the d5-pawn.' Kosten,Tony: '!' 42.Kc5 *(42.Kxb5* Moradiabadi, Elshan *Rxd5+ 43.Ka6* Diagram

(Diagram)



Rd4! 44.Kxa7 Rh4-+ Kosten,Tony: 'is winning, the white king is too far away.' *)* 42...b4! 43.Rh8 b3 44.Rf8+ Kosten,Tony: '?!' Kosten,Tony: 'Chasing the king where it wants to go.' *(44.Rb8 Ke4 45.Rb4+ Ke5 46.Rxb3 Rxd5+ 47.Kc4 Ke4)* 44...Ke4 45.Re8+ Kd3 46.d6 b2 47.d7 Kc2 Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'Just like in the game he won against Carlsen, Abdusattorov was solid and logical the entire game.' Moradiabadi, Elshan: 'Just like in the game he won

against Carlsen, Abdusattorov was solid and logical the entire game.' 0-1 (47) Rapport,R (2740) - Abdusattorov,N (2713) Wijk aan Zee 2023 CBM 215 [Szabo,Krisztian];

B) 13...Ba5 Moradiabadi,Elshan 14.Ne2 *(14.h4 Rhe8 15.Bg5 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Ne2 Bb6 18.Nf4 Nxe5 19.c5 Nxf3 20.Qxf3 Ba2 21.Rb2 Re3 22.Qf2 Bxc5 23.Bxd8 Bf7 24.Bg5 h6 25.Ne2 hxg5 26.hxg5 b6 27.Rh8+ Kb7 28.g4 Bxa3 29.Rb1 Bd5 30.Nxd4 f4 31.Qxf4 Qe7 32.Kd2 Bd6 33.Qxe3 Qf7 34.Qe8 Qf2+ 35.Kc3 Ka6 36.Qb5+ Kb7 37.Qxd5+ Ka6 38.Ra1+ Ba3 39.Rxa3# 1-0 (39) satlan (2704)-huangjiafangdan (2662) Blitz 2024)* 14...h6 15.h4 *(15.Qg6!?)* 15...g5! 16.Rb5 Bb6 *(16...Bc3)* 17.a4?! a6 *(17...f4! 18.Qh2 a6)* 18.Rxb6 cxb6 *(18...f4!)* 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Bxg5 Rh1+ 22.Kd2 Seul,G (2372)-Pasti,A (2296) Chess.com INT 2021, 1-0 (25), and now b5! is strong.;

C) 13...Bc5 14.Ne2 b6 *(14...Rhg8 15.h4 g6 16.Re1 Rde8 17.Bg5 Kb8 18.Bf6 h6 19.Nf4 g5 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Bd5 Nb4 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Qf3 b6 24.a3 Na2 25.Qd5 Nc3+ 26.Kd2 Nxd5 27.cxd5 Qxd5 28.e6 Re8 29.e7 Bxa3 30.Rb3 Bc5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Re2 f4 33.Rb1 a5 0-1 (33) klorp27 (2708)-Elbece (2734) Blitz 2023)* 15.Nf4 Nxe5? Cherniaev, A (2397)-Zverev,L (2092) Cheliabinsk 2022, 1-0 (35). *(15...Rhg8)* 16.Re1 winning.;

D) 13...Bc3 Szabo,Krisztian: 'Moradiabadi,Elshan' 14.Ne2 Szabo,Krisztian: 'Seul,G (2377)-Zanette,E (2115) Chess.com INT 2022, 1-0 (42), when again' *(14.Bg5)* 14...b6 *(14...h6 15.h4 g5* is interesting.*)* 15.h4 Ba5 16.a3 Bxc4 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.dxc4 d3 19.cxd3 Qa4+ 0-1 (19) Molt7n (2801)-Somesweeties (2700) Blitz 2021]

[11...0-0-0

A) 12.Ne2

A1) 12...h6 13.h4 *(13.0-0? White has to stop ...g5. g5∓ Carrettoni,A (2175)-Postupa,P (2249) ICCF email 2015)* 13...Bc5 14.Rb1 Szabo,Krisztian: 'Kosten,Tony: 'also aims for f4 but controls more central squares.'' b6 *(14...g5 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Rxh8 Rxh8 17.Qxg5 Be7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qf4 Rh1+∞* leads to an unclear position, where the computer considers equal because White is up a pawn but Black could grab the initiative.*)* 15.h5 Rhe8= Klochan,P (2351)-Tudor,V (2358) ICCF email 2019 Kosten,Tony: 'is also fine,Tirrell, D (2259)-Corkum,T (2267) ICCF email 2020, ß-ß (27) .' 16.Bf4 Re7 17.Nc1 Bb4+ 18.Kf2 a5 19.Qg6 Rg8 20.Ne2 Nd8 21.Qg3 ½-½ (21) Preussner,M (2469)-Heinrich,O (2478) www.remoteschach.de 2022;

A2) 12...Bc5 13.0-0 Bxc4 Kosten,Tony: '!?' 14.Nf4 Be6=

Tedesco,M (2312)-Castle Jr,T (2285) ICCF email 2020 *(14...Nxe5 15.dxc4 d3+ 16.Kh1 dxc2 17.Bd5 Rhe8 18.Qb3 c6 19.Qxc2 Bd4 20.Rb1 cxd5 21.cxd5+ Kb8 22.Ne6 Rc8 23.Qxf5 Qxd5 24.Nxd4 Qxd4 25.Bf4 Ka8 26.Rfd1 Qc5 27.Rdc1* 1-0 (27) Vankov,S (2405)-Dimitar,P (2300) Bulgaria 1992 *)* 15.Bxc6 equal, Tedesco, M (2312)-Castle Jr,T (2285) ICCF email 2020, although 1-0 (15), but this doesn't make sense.;

A3) 12...Bb4+ 13.Kd1 Rhg8 14.Rb1 g5 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Rxb4 Qc5 17.Rb5 Qc6 18.Bxg5 h6 19.Bxd8 Rxg3 20.hxg3 Qxg2 21.Rxh6 f4 22.Bg5 Bg4 23.Rh8+ Kd7 24.Rd5+ Ke6 25.Rh6+ Kf5 26.e6+ Qxd5 27.cxd5 Kxg5 1-0 (27) AP-2804 (2724)-ulfisawulf (2530) Blitz 2024;

A4) 12...Rg8 Probably the best continuation, but the other moves are also good. 13.h4 Bc5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Rb5 h6 16.0-0 Bf7 1/2 Tedesco,M (2339)-Oen, G (2308) ICCF email 2021 Moradiabadi,Elshan: '=' '=' '=' '=' Moradiabadi,Elshan: '1/2 : 1/2 Tedesco,Matthew - Oen,Grant, corr 2021';

B) 12.Rb1 Szabo,Krisztian: 'also transposes to 10. ♗f3.' 12...Bc5 *(12...Kb8 13.Ne2 h6 14.h4 g6 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.0-0 Re8 17.Nxg6 Rg8 18.h5 Bc5 19.Rb5 b6 20.Bf4 a6 21.Rxc5 bxc5 22.Rb1+ Kc8 23.Bxh6 Bxg6 24.hxg6 Re6 25.Bh5 Nxe5 26.Bf4 Nxg6 27.Bf3 Qh7 28.Bd5 Nxf4 29.Qxf4 Rge8 30.Bxe6+ Rxe6 31.Rf1 Kb8 32.Qxf5 Qe7 33.Qf8+ Qxf8 34.Rxf8+ Ka7 35.g4 Rg6 36.Rf4 Kb6 37.Kg2 Ka5 38.Kg3 Kb4 39.Rf2 Ka3 40.Kh4 Kxa2 41.g5 Kb2 42.Kh5 Rg8 43.g6 a5 44.Kh6 a4 45.Kh7 Re8 46.Rf7 a3 47.Rxc7 Ra8 48.Rb7+ Kxc2 49.Rf7 Kc3 50.g7 a2 51.Rf1 a1Q 52.Rxa1 Rxa1 53.Kg6 Rg1+ 54.Kf6 Rxg7 55.Kxg7 Kxd3 56.Kf6 Kxc4 57.Kf5 d3 58.Kf4 Kc3 59.Ke3 d2 60.Ke4 Kc2 61.Kd5 d1Q+ 62.Kc6 Qd4 63.Kb5 Kd2 64.Kc6 c4 65.Kb5 c3 66.Kc6 c2 67.Kb5 c1Q 68.Ka5 Qdb2* 0-1 (68) Aborigen100500 (2738)-Hayakol (2518) Rapid 2023*)* 13.h4 h6

B1) 14.Nh3? Kosten,Tony: '?!' Bxc4! What a sacrifice! 15.dxc4 d3! 16.Bd5 Kosten,Tony: 'the only chance, blocking the d-file,' dxc2∓ Krastev,A (2402)-Sonis,F (2539) Corte 2022 17.Rb2 Krastev,A (2402) -Sonis,F (2539) Corte 2022, 1-0 (58), *(17.Rb5)* 17...Rhe8! with a powerful, possibly winning, attack.;

B2) 14.Rb5 b6 15.Ne2 *(15.h5 Bb4+ 16.Kd1 Bc5 17.Ne2 Nb4 18.Bd2 Nxa2 19.Nf4 Nc3+ 20.Bxc3 dxc3 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Rxc5 bxc5 23.Re1 Qxc4 24.Ke2 Qa4 25.Kf1 Qxc2 26.Qg6 Qxd3+ 27.Kg1 Qd4+ 28.Kf1 Qc4+ 29.Kg1 Qd4+ 30.Kf1 Qa4 31.Qxf5+ Rd7 32.e6 Re7 33.Qd5 c6 34.Qxc5 Qb5+* 0-1 (34) Aborigen100500 (2719)-BehaarterBison007 (2794) Blitz 2022*)* 15...g5

16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Rxh8 Rxh8 18.Bxg5

B2a) 18...Rh1+ 19.Kf2 Nb4 *(19...Bxc4 20.Rxc5 bxc5 21.dxc4 d3 22.Bxc6 Qxc6 23.Qxd3 Ra1 24.Qxf5+ Kb7 25.Nc3* 1-0 (25) Aborigen100500 (2700)-Peligro_98 (2732) Blitz 2022*)* 20.Bd2 Nxc2 21.Nf4 Ne3 22.Qg6 Bf7 23.Qf6 Qe7 24.Qc6 Nxc4 25.Qa8+ Kd7 26.Bc6# 1-0 (26) Aborigen100500 (2738)-Peligro_98 (2752) Blitz 2022;

B2b) 18...Nb4 19.Bf6 Rg8 20.Qh4 Nxc2+ 21.Kf2 Nb4 22.Nf4 a6 23.Rxb4 Bxb4 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Bd5 Qe8 26.Qh7 Rf8 27.Qxf5+ Kb8 28.Bf3 Bd2 29.Qe4 Be3+ 30.Ke2 c6 31.g4 Rg8 32.Qh7 Rf8 33.g5 Bxg5 34.Be4 Bxf6 35.exf6 Rxf6 36.Qh2+ Kb7 37.Qh7+ Qf7 38.Qh2 Qe7 39.Kd2 Re6 40.Qf4 b5 41.cxb5 axb5 42.Qf5 Re5 43.Qf4 Qc5 44.Ke2 Kb6 45.Kf3 Qe7 46.Ke2 Re6 47.Kd2 Rf6 48.Qg4 Qb4+ 49.Ke2 Qb2+ 50.Kd1 Qb1+ 51.Ke2 Qf1+ 0-1 (51) Aborigen100500 (2744)-Peligro_98 (2746) Blitz 2022]

12.Bd1

[12.Kd1 0-0-0 13.a4 Kb8 14.Ne2 h6 15.a5 g5 16.h3 f4 17.Qf2 a6 18.g3 fxg3 19.Nxg3 Bxh3 20.Ne4 Bg7 21.Nc5 Qf5 22.Qg3 g4 23.Rb1 gxf3 24.Qxh3 Qxh3 25.Rxh3 Rhf8 26.Rh1 f2 27.Rf1 h5 28.Rxb4 1-0 (28) kira523 (2814)-pmiga (2849) Blitz 2024]

12...h6

[12...0-0-0 Lodici,L (2559)-Marn,J (2307) Nova Gorica 2022, 0-1 (24), when 13.Nh3! to f4 or g5 looks fine.]

13.h4 0-0-0 14.h5 Bf7 15.Bf4

[15.Nf3 Rg8 16.Qh3 Nc6 17.0-0 Be6 18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Bf4 g5 20.Bxe5 gxh4 21.Qxh4 Bd6 22.Qh2 Rg5 23.Bf3 Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Qd6 25.Rae1 ½-½ (25) Preussner,M (2435)-Zielinski,S (2475) www.remoteschach.de 2021]

15...Rg8 16.Nf3 g5 17.hxg6 Rxg6 18.Qf2 Nc6 19.Rb1 b6 20.Kf1 Kb8 21.Kg1 Re8 22.Be2 Bc5 23.Bf1 a5 24.g3 Ka7 25.Kh2 Nb4 26.c3 Nc6 27.Rb5 Ka6 28.Bg2 dxc3 29.Rxc5 bxc5 30.Qxc5 Rb8 31.Rc1 Qxd3 32.Nh4 Qd4 33.Qxd4 Nxd4 34.Nxg6 Bxg6 35.Rxc3 ½-½ (35) ProteusSF-Godot (2877)-ToromBot (2867) Blitz 2023

6.Nge2 Nc6 7.d4 Nb4 8.Kd1 c5 9.Nf4 g6 10.a3 cxd4 11.Nb5 Nc6 12.Nxd5 Nxe5 13.Qb3 Bd6 14.Bf4 Nf2+ 15.Kd2 Nxh1 16.Nxd6+ Qxd6 17.Bxe5 Qc6 18.Bb5 1-0 (18) Play_Late_No_Sleep33 (2783)-OzgurAkman (2443) Rapid 2021

6.exf6 Nxf6 7.d4 Bg4

[7...Bd6 8.Bd3 *(8.Bg5 c6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Re1 h6 11.Bh4 Qc7 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bf5 16.Bc4+ Kh8 17.Qe7 Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Nd7 19.Nf3 Nb6 20.Bb3 a5 21.a4 Nd5 22.Qe5 Bg4 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Qxd5 Rad8 25.Qxb7 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Qxd4 27.Qe4 Qb6 28.b3 Rc8 29.Re2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Rb8 31.Qe5 Qf7 32.Qe6 Qf4 33.Re4 Qxh2 34.f4 Rbc8 35.Rc1 Rce8 36.Qc4 Rxe4 37.Qxe4 Rxf4*

38.Qd5 Kh7 39.Qd3+ Kg8 40.Qb5 Rf8 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.Qb5 Qf4 43.Qxa5 Qf6 44.Qd2 Rb8 45.Ka2 Qf5 46.Rb1 Qe6 47.c4 Ra8 48.Qb4 Re8 49.Rb2 Qe1 50.c5 Qxb4 51.c6 Qc5 52.c7 Qxc7 53.Rc2 Qb8 54.Rb2 Qa8 55.Ka3 Qb8 56.Ka2 Qa7 0-1 (56) IDISJUDA (2715)-Champion3864 (2604) Blitz 2023*)* 8...0-0 9.Nxd5 Ng4 10.Qh3 Nh6 11.Qh5 Bg4 12.Qg5 Qe8+ 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Ne3 Bxe2 15.Bxe2 Bf4 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Nd1 Rd8 18.Qc4 Rxd4 19.Qc3 Re4 20.0-0 Bxc1 21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.Bf3 Nd4 23.Rxc1 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Re6 25.Nf2 Qf4 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 Qxf3 28.Qe8+ Ng8 29.Qe4 Qxe4 30.Nxe4 b6 31.Nc3 c6 32.Ne2 Ne7 33.Nd4 Kg8 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Kf3 Ke8 36.a4 Kd7 37.Ne2 Ke6 38.Ng3 Ke5 39.Ne2 Nf5 40.c3 h5 41.Kf2 g5 42.Kf3 g4+ 43.Kf2 Nd6 44.Nc1 Ne4+ 45.Ke3 Nc5 46.b3 Ne6 47.Nd3+ Kf5 48.b4 Nc7 49.c4 Ne6 50.b5 c5 0-1 (50) CheeryChocolate (2773)-Unknown_Hoktemberyan (2687) Blitz 2023]

[7...Be7 8.Bg5 *(8.Bd3 0-0 9.Bf4 c6 10.Nge2 Bd6 11.0-0-0 Bg4 12.Qg3 Bxf4+ 13.Qxf4 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Ne4 15.Qe5 Nf2 16.Nf4 Nd7 17.Qe6+ Kh8 18.g3 Rf6 19.Qe2 Nxd1 20.Qxd1 Nf8 21.h4 Qd6 22.h5 h6 23.Kb1 Re8 24.Ng6+ Nxg6 25.hxg6 Qxg3 26.a3 Rfe6 27.Ka2 Re1 28.Rxe1 Qxe1 29.Qh5 Qe6 30.Qh4 Qf6 31.Qg4 Rf8 32.c3 Qg5 33.Qd7 Qf6 34.Qxb7 h5 35.Qxa7 h4* 0-1 (35) TheRedKing89 (2752)-Tiberius_NN (2642) Blitz 2021*)* 8...0-0 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qxd5+ Kh8 11.0-0-0 Nc6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Qxd8 Raxd8 14.d5 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne7 16.c4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rxf3 18.Bd3 b6 19.Rhe1 Nc8 20.Re5 g6 21.Rde1 Kg7 22.h4 Nd6 23.h5 Rd7 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Re6 Rf6 26.Rxf6 Kxf6 27.Re6+ Kf7 28.Bxg6+ Kf8 29.Bd3 Re7 30.Rh6 Rg7 31.Kb2 Ke7 32.Kb3 Kd7 33.Rh8 Nb7 34.Bf5+ Kd6 35.Rh6+ Ke5 36.Bd3 Nc5+ 37.Kc3 a5 38.Rc6 Rd7 39.a3 Kf4 40.Kd4 Kg5 41.Rxc5 bxc5+ 42.Kxc5 Rd6 43.Kb5 Rb6+ 44.Kxa5 Kf6 45.c5 Rb2 46.d6 cxd6 47.c6 Ke7 48.Bb5 Kd8 49.c4 Kc7 50.a4 1-0 (50) Artoo (2766)-Art_Vandelay1998 (2734) Blitz 2022]

[7...Bb4 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Bg5 Qe8+ 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 Qxe4 12.Qxe4 dxe4 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Be3 Bg4 15.h3 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Na5 18.Raf1 Nc4 19.Rf4 Rxf4 20.Bxf4 c6 21.Rf1 Rf8 22.g3 b5 23.Ra1 a5 24.a4 Rf5 25.h4 h6 26.Bc7 Rf3 27.axb5 cxb5 28.d5 Kf7 29.Bxa5 Rxg3 30.Bb4 Rg2+ 31.Kf1 Ne3+ 32.Ke1 Nxc2+ 33.Kf1 Nxa1 34.Kxg2 Kf6 35.Kg3 g5 36.hxg5+ hxg5 37.Kg4 Nc2 38.Bc5 e3 39.d6 Ke6 40.Kf3 g4+ 41.Ke2 g3 42.Kf3 Kd7 43.Ba7 Kxd6 44.Bb8+ Kd5 45.Bxg3 Kc4 46.Be5 Kd3 47.Bg3 e2 48.Kf4 e1Q 49.Bxe1 Nxe1 50.Ke5 Kxc3 51.Ke4 b4 52.Ke3 b3 53.Ke2 Nc2 0-1 (53) littleplotkin (2761)-W-B-Yeats (2688) Blitz 2021]

[7...Nc6 8.Bg5 Nxd4 9.Qe3+ Ne6 10.0-0-0 c6 11.Bd3 Ng4 12.Qd2 Qxg5 13.Nf3 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Bd6 15.Kb1 0-0 16.h3 Nf6 17.Re1 Nf4 18.Bf1 Bd7 19.a4 Rae8 20.Red1 Bb4 21.Ka2 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Ne4 0-1 (22) SpaceCrystalis (2728)-xenoxer (2713) Blitz 2022]

8.Qe3+
[8.Qf2 Bb4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qh4 exf3 14.Qxh5 Qxd4 15.Bd2 f2+ 16.Ke2 Nc6 17.Qd5+ Kh8 18.Qxd4 Nxd4+ 19.Kd3 Rad8 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.Kc4 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Ne2 23.Bh4 Rf4+ 24.Kb3 Rxh4 25.Rhf1 Rf4 26.Rad1 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 f1Q 28.Rd8+ Rf8 0-1 (28) littleplotkin (2760)-Parwis (2596) Blitz 2021]
8...Be7 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Be3 c6 14.0-0-0 Nbd7 15.Nf3 Bd6 16.Nh4 Re8 17.Nf5 Bf8 18.Bg5 Qc7 19.Rdf1 b5 20.h4 b4 21.Na4 Ne4 22.Bf4 Qa5 23.b3 Nb6 24.g5 Nxa4 25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nh6+ gxh6 28.gxh6 Nac3 29.Rhg1+ Kh8 30.a4 bxa3 31.Qf3 Ne2+ 32.Qxe2 Qc3 33.Rg8+ Kxg8 34.Qg4+ Kh8 35.Be5+ 1-0 (35) SpaceCrystalis (2779)-Kokichi24 (2726) Blitz 2022

[62] **6...Bb4** 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 c5 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.0-0 c4 12.Bxe4 fxe4 13.Qxf8+ Qxf8 14.Rxf8+ Kxf8 15.a4 Be6 16.Nf4
[16.Ba3+ Ke8 17.Nf4 Kd7 18.Nh5 Rg8 19.Rf1 b6 20.Bf8 Ne7 21.Bxg7 Kc7 22.Nf6 Rb8 23.g4 a6 24.h3 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nxh7 b4 27.cxb4 Rxb4 28.Bf8 Nc6 29.Bxb4 Nxb4 30.Ng5 Bc8 31.e6 Kd6 32.Rf8 Ba6 33.Rd8+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ Ke8 35.c3 Na2 36.Ra7 Bb5 37.Rxa2 e3 38.Kf1 Ke7 39.Ke2 Be8 40.h4 Kf6 41.Kxe3 Bf7 42.Ra7 Bxe6 43.Ra6 Ke7 44.Rxe6+ Kd7 45.Re5 Kd6 46.Rxd5+ Kxd5 47.Nf3 Kd6 48.Nd2 Kd5 49.Kf4 Kd6 50.Nxc4+ Kd5 51.Ne3+ Kd6 52.Kg5 Ke6 53.Kg6 Ke7 54.Kg7 Ke6 55.h5 Kd6 56.h6 Kc6 57.h7 Kb5 58.h8Q Ka4 59.Qf8 Kb3 60.g5 Kxc3 61.g6 Kxd4 62.Qf6+ Kxe3 63.Kf7 Ke4 64.g7 Kd5 65.g8Q Kc5 66.Qe8 Kc4 67.Qfd8 Kc5 68.Qed7 Kb4 69.Qb6+ Kc4 70.Qda7 Kd5 71.Qd7+ Ke5 72.Qe3# 1-0 (72) Romaa2011 (2719)-carlson85 (2339) Blitz 2024]
16...Kf7 17.Ba3 Ne7 18.Rf1 Nf5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxf5+ Ke6 21.Rf1 b6 22.h4 Bc6 23.h5 e3 24.h6 e2 25.Re1 gxh6 26.Rxe2 Rg8 27.Rf2 Rg6 28.a5 bxa5 29.Kh2 Be4 30.g3 Rg5 31.Rf6+ Kd7 32.Rxh6 Bxc2 33.e6+ Ke8 34.e7 Rf5 35.Rc6 1-0 (35) Romaa2011 (2721)-SirBasilGolightly (2673) Blitz 2024

[63] **9.Nf4** Qd7 10.Be3 0-0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Bxd4 c5 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qc3 Qxd4+ 16.Qxd4 cxd4 17.Nxe6 Re8 18.Nxd4 Bc5 19.Rad1 Rxe5 20.Kf2 f4 21.Ke2 Rd8 22.c3 g5 23.a4 a5 24.Nc6 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Re6 26.Nxa5 g4 27.Nb3 f3+ 28.gxf3 gxf3+ 29.Ke1 e3 30.Nd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Rg6 32.Kf1 f2 33.Rc4+ Kb7 34.Rf4 Rg1+ 35.Ke2 Re1+ 36.Kd3 f1Q+ 37.Rxf1 Rxf1 38.Kxe3 Rh1 39.b4 Rxh2 40.c4 Rb2 41.b5 Rb4 42.Kd4 Rxa4 43.Kc3 Ra1 44.Kb2 Rf1 45.Kb3 h5 46.c5 Rf4 47.Kc3 h4 48.Kd3 h3 49.Kd2 h2 50.c6+ Kc7 51.Ke3 Rh4 52.b6+ Kxc6 53.b7 Kxb7 54.Kd2 h1Q 55.Ke3 Qh3+ 56.Ke2 Qg3 0-1 (56) FastCalculate (3061)-HealthPro250 (2704) Blitz 2023

[64] **5...Be6** 6.d3
[6.d4 c5 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Bxe4 Nc6 10.0-0 Bc5 11.Kh1 0-0 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bh4 Rae8 15.Rae1 Bg4 16.Qb5 Bb6

17.Qd5 Qxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nxe5 20.Bxb7 Ng4 21.Be7 d3 22.Bxf8 Nf2+ 23.Kg1 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 d2 25.Kf1 Kxf8 26.Bf3 dxe1Q+ 27.Kxe1 g5 28.h3 f5 29.Ke2 Ne4 30.c4 Ke7 31.Kd3 Kd6 32.b4 Ke5 33.c5 Bc7 34.Kc4 a5 35.b5 Nd2+ 36.Kd3 Nxf3 37.gxf3 Kd5 38.b6 Bb8 39.b7 Kxc5 40.Kc3 Kb6 41.Kd4 Kxb7 42.Kd5 Kb6 43.Ke6 f4 44.Kf5 Bc7 45.Kg6 Bd8 46.Kxh6 Kb5 47.Kh5 Kb4 48.Kg4 Ka3 49.h4 gxh4 50.Kxf4 Kxa2 51.Kg4 Kb3 52.f4 Bc7 53.f5 Bd8 54.Kh3 a4 55.Kg4 a3 56.Kh5 a2 57.Kg6 a1Q 58.f6 Qxf6+ 59.Kh5 Qg5# 0-1 (59) ultras13 (2743)-evilhamburger (2643) Blitz 2023]

6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5

[7...Be7 8.Rb1 *(8.Be3 Nc6 9.d4 0-0 10.Bd3 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.0-0 Qd6 13.Qd2 Rf7 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Raf8 16.Rxf7 Rxf7 17.Re1 h6 18.Bh4 Bf5 19.Bg3 Qd7 20.Bb5 Be4 21.c4 a6 22.cxd5 axb5 23.Rxe4 Qxd5 24.Qd3 Rf8 25.a3 Na5 26.Re5 Qf7 27.Rxb5 Nc4 28.Rc5 Nd2 29.h3 Ne4 30.Qxe4* 1-0 (30) Haydon (2706)-kwnwi (2606) Blitz 2022*)* 8...Nd7 9.d4 Nb6 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg5 c4 14.Bf5 Qd7 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.a4 0-0 17.a5 Na4 18.Rf3 Rab8 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Qd2]

[7...Nd7 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe1 Nb6 11.Qg3 c5 12.Bh6 g6 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.Qh4 Qa4 15.Qxa4 Nxa4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxf8 Bxf8 18.Bg4 Nxc3 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Rae1 Bg7 21.Bd7 1-0 (21) CheeryChocolate (2761)-Unknown_Hoktemberyan (2764) Blitz 2023]

8.d4 Nc6 9.Bd3 Qb6 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Kh1 Be7 12.cxd4 0-0-0 13.c3 h6 14.a4 a5 15.Rb1 Qc7 16.Be3 g5 17.Nd2 Rhf8 18.Qe2 h5 19.Bg1 Bg4 20.Qe3 f6 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Nb3 Rde8 23.Qd2 Be7 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5 Ne5 26.Bb5 Bd7 27.Qxg5 Ng4 28.Qxd5 Bc6 29.Bxc6 Qxc6 30.Qxh5 Nf6 31.Qh3+ Kb8 32.Rb6 Qxa4 33.c6 Re7 34.Qg3+ Ka8 35.cxb7+ Rxb7 36.Ra6+ Ra7 37.Rxa7# 1-0 (37) yoseph2013 (2788)-CJQC1989 (2363) Blitz 2024

5...Nc5 6.d4 Ne6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Rad1 a6 12.a3 Nd7 13.b4 a5 14.Rb1 f6 15.Rfd1 f5 16.Bf1 g5 17.h3 h5 18.Nh2 Rf7 19.Qe2= Rh7±

[19...g4 20.g3±]

20.g4 hxg4 21.hxg4 f4 22.Bf2 Qf8 23.Bg2 f3

[23...axb4 24.Nxd5 c6 25.Nxe7++- *(25.Nxb4 Qh6-+ 26.Nf1?! Rxa3)* 25...Qxe7 26.axb4]

24.Qxf3 Qh6 25.Bg3 Rf8 26.Qd3 Nf4 27.Qd2 axb4 28.axb4 Qe6 29.Rf1 Nxg2+- 30.Qxg2 Qc6+- 31.Nd1 Qc4 32.Rxf8+ Nxf8

[32...Bxf8 33.Qd2]

33.Qd2± Ne6+- 34.c3 Qb5 35.Ra1 c5 36.bxc5± bxc5 37.Ne3 cxd4 38.cxd4 Nxd4 39.Qxd4± Bc5 40.Qd2= d4

[40...Rh3?! 41.Kf2 Bxe3+ 42.Kxe3 Rxg3+ 43.Kf2 Rh3 44.Qxg5++- ⌓Kh7± 45.Qf5+ Kg7]

41.Qa2+ Kg7

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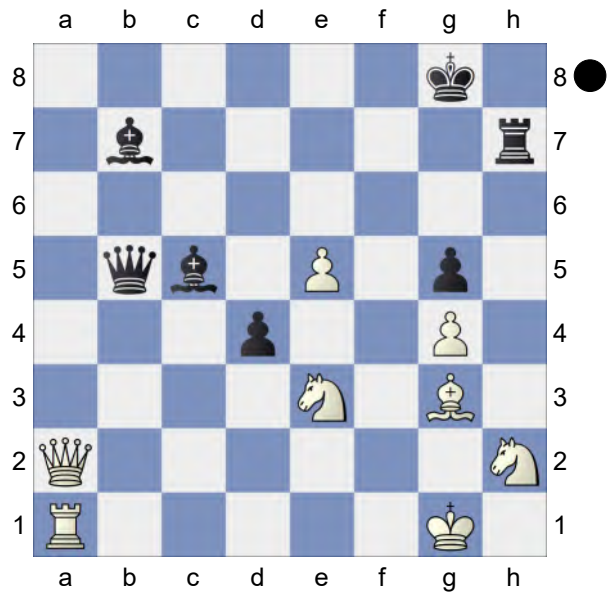
(Diagram)



41...Kh8 42.Qa5+- Qxa5 43.Rxa5 dxe3 44.Rxc5 Rd7+-]

42.Nf5+ Exerts pressure on the backward pawn 42...Kg6

[42...Kf8 43.Rf1 d3+± 44.Nd4+ Ke7 45.Qe6+ Kd8 46.Rf8+ Kc7 47.Qd6+ Increases the pressure on the backward pawn Bxd6?+- 48.Nxb5+ Kd7 49.Nxd6 The mate threat is Qb5 d2]

43.Qe6# 1-0 (43) Fischer,R (2780)-Spassky,B (2560) Sveti Stefan 1992 [Fritz 5.00 (5s)]

5...Bf5 6.d4

[6.d3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 *(7...c6 8.d4 Nd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Be7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Bg5 Nb6 13.Qf5 h6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Qg6+ Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Kg8 19.Ng6 Kh7 20.Nxh8 Kxh8 21.Rf7 Rb8 22.Raf1 Kg8 23.Rc7* 1-0 (23) yoseph2013 (2723)-CheckmateHunter7 (2510) Blitz 2024*; 7...Nd7 8.d4 Be7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.0-0 c5 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.h4 f6 14.h5 fxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qe6 17.Qg3 Bf6 18.Bd6 cxd4 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Rae1 Qc6 21.cxd4 Qxc2 22.Kh1 h6 23.Re6 Kh8 24.Qg6 Qa4 25.Rfxf6 gxf6 26.Re7* 1-0 (26) Lukianoo (2714)-Nozdrachev,V (2500) Blitz 2021*)* 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qe1 Nd7 12.Qg3 Bg6 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qe8 15.d4 f6 16.Bf3 fxg5 17.Bxd5+ Kh8 18.Rxf8+ Nxf8 19.Bxa8 Qxa8 20.Qxg5 cxd4 Hepworth,M-Smigielska,A/Oakham 1988/TD 88\02/0-1 (81)]

6...Bb4 7.Bd2± c5 8.Bd3 Nxd2 9.Qxd2= ≤Nc6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3= ⌓h6!?± 12.0-0!? Be6 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Qf2± 0-0 15.Rab1 Qe7 16.dxc5+- Nd8 17.Nd4± Qxc5!?± 18.Bd3!? a6 19.a4 Rc7 20.Kh1=

5...f5 6.d3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Nc6

[7...Be7 8.d4 Be6 9.a4 0-0 10.Ba3 c5 11.Bd3 Qa5 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Rb1 b6 16.Rb5 Qe7 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Re1 Kh8 19.Qf4 Qc7 20.h4 Bg8 21.h5 h6 22.Nh4 Ne7 23.Qd4 Bh7 24.a5 bxa5 25.Ra1 Nc6 26.Qc5 Rc8 27.Qxd5 Qe7 28.Nf3 Bg8 29.Qc5 Qe8 30.Rb7 Qxh5 31.Re1 Rfe8 32.Qd6 Red8 33.Qc5 Nd4 34.Qe7 Nxf3+ 35.gxf3 Qg6+ 36.Kf2 Re8 37.Qd6 Qh5 38.Rg1 Rcd8 39.Qg6 Qh4+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Rg2 Qxf3+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+ 43.Kh2 Qxe5+ 44.Qg3 Re7 45.Qxe5 Rxe5 46.Rgxg7 f4 47.Rg2 Rf8 48.Rf2 f3 49.Rxa7 Rh5+ 50.Kg3 Rg5+ 51.Kh4 Be6 52.Re7 Bf5 53.Re3 Bxd3 54.Rxd3 Rc5 55.Rfxf3 Rxf3 56.Rxf3 Kg7 57.Kg3 h5 58.Kf2 Kg6 59.Ke2 Kg5 60.Rg3+ Kf4 61.Rg8 h4 62.Rf8+ Kg3 63.Rh8 Kh2 64.Rg8 h3 65.Kd3 Rd5+ 66.Kc4 Rd7 67.Kb3 Rc7 68.Rb8 a4+ 69.Kb4 a3 70.c4 a2 71.Ra8 Kg2 72.Rxa2 h2

73.c3+ Kg3 74.Ra1 Kg2 75.Re1 h1Q 76.Re2+ Kf3 77.Rc2 Qb1+ 78.Rb2 Qc2 79.Rxc2 1-0 (79) Chess-Network (2741)-MargitTheFellOmen (2747) Blitz 2023]

8.d4 Be7 9.Bd3 Be6

[9...0-0 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Rb1 Nd8 12.c4 Be6 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.c4 Be4 15.d5 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxe5 18.Bd2 g6 19.Rbe1 Qf6 20.Bh6 Nf7 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Re6 Qd4 23.Qe2 Nd6 24.Re7 Bb6 25.c5 Bxc5 26.Rxc7 Re8 27.Qd1 Qxd5 28.Qc2 Bb6 29.Rd7 Qe6 30.Qa4 Rc8 31.Bc2 Kh8 32.Bb3 Qe2 33.Qf4 g5 34.Qf3 Qxf3 35.gxf3 Bc5 36.Rd1 Rc6 37.Bd5 Ra6 38.Re1 Rxa2 39.Bxa2 1-0 (39) SiroglanTalibov (2712)-dr_xStranger (2639) Blitz 2023]

10.0-0 h6 11.Nd2 g6 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Qe2 Kb8 15.Ba6 b6 16.Bb5 Kb7 17.Nb3 Rb8 18.a4 Kc8 19.a5 g5 20.Bd2 Rf8 21.axb6 cxb6 22.Ra1 f4 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Rxa7 Kd8 25.Qa6 Bc8 26.Qa2 h5 27.Nc1 h4 28.Nd3 h3 29.g3 fxg3 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Bxg5+ Ke8 32.Nf4 Qxc3 33.hxg3 Qxg3+ 34.Kh1 Bg4 35.Qxd5 Bf3+ 36.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 37.Kh2 Rc8 38.Ra2 Be7 39.Bh6 Bh4 40.e6 Qg3+ 41.Kh1 Bg5 42.Bxg5 Qxg5 43.Nxh3 Qd5+ 44.Kh2 Qxa2 45.Kg3 Rxc2 46.Nf4 Rc3+ 47.Kg4 Qc4 48.d5 Rd3 49.Kg5 Rxd5+ 50.Kg4 Rd4 51.Kg5 Rxf4 52.Kg6 Qe4+ 53.Kg5 Qf3 54.Kh6 Rg4 0-1 (54) yoseph2013 (2743)-TheFinnisher (2439) Blitz 2024

[65] **6.a3** Bxc3

[6...Ba5 7.Bd3 f5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe1 Nc6 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bb5 Bb6 12.d3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 d4 14.c4 Ne7 15.Ba4 c5 16.Bb3 Bd7 17.a4 Bc7 18.a5 Bc6 19.Qg3 Qe8 20.Ba3 b6 21.axb6 axb6 22.h4 Qh5 23.Nxd4 f4 24.Qh3 Bb7 25.Nf3 Nf5 26.Kg1 Bc8 27.Qh2 Ng3 28.Rfe1 Bg4 29.Ng5 h6 30.Ne4 Bxe5 31.c3 Nxe4 32.Rxe4 Bxc3 33.Ra2 f3 34.Qg3 f2+ 35.Rxf2 Rxf2 36.Kxf2 Bf5 37.Re7 Rxa3 38.Bd1 Qxd1 0-1 (38) yoseph2013 (2701)-DAAM (2493) Blitz 2025]

7.bxc3

[7.dxc3 c5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Bg5 Nc6 12.c4 d4 13.Nd2 Be6 14.Ne4 Kh8 15.Nxf6 gxf6 16.Qh5 Qd7 17.Bxf6+ Rxf6 18.Rxf6 Bg8 19.Raf1 Qg7 20.Rf7 Bxf7 21.Rxf7 Rg8 22.Qxh7+ Qxh7 23.Rxh7# 1-0 (23) yoseph2013 (2718)-Boyka97 (2421) Blitz 2024]

7...0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe1 Bg6 11.d3 Nc5 12.h4 Re8 13.Qg3 Ne7 14.Ng5 Ne6 15.h5 Nf5 16.Qf2 Nxg5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.d4 f6 19.Bxg5 fxg5 20.Bd3 Rf8 21.Rae1 Qe7 22.Qf3 Qe6 23.Qg4 c6 24.Qxg5 Kh7 25.Rf3 Nh6 26.Ref1 Rxf3 27.Rxf3 Re8 28.Rg3 Nf5 29.Rh3+ Kg8 30.g4 Nh6 31.Bxg6 Rf8 32.Bd3 Qxg4+ 33.Qxg4 Nxg4 34.e6 Re8 35.Bh7+ Kf8 36.Rf3+ Nf6 37.Bf5 Ke7 38.Rg3 Rg8 39.Rg6 Ne8 40.Kg2 Nd6 41.Bd3 Ne8 42.Rg3 Rf8 43.Bg6 Nc7 44.Bf7 Nxe6 45.Bxe6 Kxe6 46.Rxg7 Rf7 47.Rg8 Kd6 48.Rd8+ Kc7 49.Rg8 Kb6 50.Ra8 a5 51.Rb8 Kb5 52.Ra8 Kc4 53.Rxa5 Kxc3 54.Ra4 Kxc2 55.Rb4 Kd3 56.a4 Kc3 57.Rb6 Kxd4 58.a5 Kc5 59.Rb1 Rf4 60.Rxb7 Rc4 61.a6 Rc2+ 62.Kf3 Ra2 63.a7 d4 64.Ke4 Ra3 65.Rc7 Re3+ 66.Kf4 Ra3 67.Ke4 Kb6 68.Rd7 Rxa7 69.Rxa7 Kxa7 70.Kxd4 Kb6 71.Kc4 c5 72.Kc3 Kc6 73.Kb3 Kd5

74.Kc3 c4 75.Kc2 Kc5 76.Kd2 Kb4 77.Kc2 Ka3 78.Kc3 Ka4 79.Kxc4 ½-½ (79) ilqar_7474 (2756)-HerrTulpe (2645) Blitz 2023

6.Qe2 Huber,G: 'White has two main options here, but 6.♕e2 is more popular in recent years. It immediately forces the bishop for knight exchange on c3.'Huber,G: 'Weiß verfügt hier im Wesentlichen über zwei Möglichkeiten, aber 6. ♕e2 war in den letzten Jahren beliebter. Es zwingt Schwarz zu einem sofortigen Abtausch des Läufers gegen den Springer auf c3.' 6...Bxc3 Huber,G: 'The only move consistent with ...♗b4.'Huber,G: 'Die einzig konsequente Fortsetzung von ...♗b4.' 7.dxc3

[7.bxc3 Huber,G: 'keeping a central pawn mass is also possible' Huber,G: 'was Weiß eine Bauernmasse im Zentrum sichert, ist ebenfalls möglich' 0-0= 8.Qe3 Huber,G: '!?'Huber,G: 'Intending ♗d3 as a second attempt to dislodge the ♘/e4.' Huber,G: 'möchte ♗d3 spielen und einen zweiten Versuch unternehmen, den ♘/e4 zu untergraben.' f6 9.Bd3 fxe5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Huber,G: '=' Huber,G: 'with a fairly level position.' Huber,G: 'mit etwa gleicher Stellung.']

7...Nc6

[7...0-0 8.Bf4 c6! 9.Qe3 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 Huber,G: '⩲' Huber,G: 'and black's strong knight and better pawn structure partially compensate for the white bishops, leaving white with only a minor edge.' Huber,G: 'und der starke schwarze Springer und die bessere Bauernstellung geben Schwarz teilweise Kompensation für die weißen Läufer - Weiß hat nur leichten Vorteil.' 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Bd3 Nc5 14.Be2 Bf5! 15.Nd4 Ne6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.0-0 Nd7 18.a3 Rfe8 19.Rad1 Huber,G: '?!' *(19.Rae1* Huber,G: ' ⩲ 'Huber,G: 'is better, anticipating problems with the e5-pawn.' Huber,G: 'was Probleme mit dem Bauern e5 antizipiert ist besser.'*)* 19...Ra4 Huber,G: '?!' *(19...Nxe5∓* Huber,G: '!' *20.Bxe5 Bd5* Huber,G: '=' Huber,G: 'takes advantage of white's loose bishops.'Huber,G: 'nutzt die gefährdete Stellung der weißen Läufer aus.'*)* 20.Rd6 Huber,G: '?!' *(20.Rd2* Huber,G: ' ⩲'Huber,G: 'is better, keeping the ♗/e2 guarded form tactics while doubling on the d-file.' Huber,G: 'was den ♗/e2 vor taktischen Schlägen schützt und zugleich die Verdopplung auf der d-Linie vorbereitet, ist besser.'*)* 20...h6 21.h3 Rea8 22.c3 Nf8! Δ♗c7✕h2 Huber,G: '?'Huber,G: 'unnecessarily passive, and missing the last chance for the ...♘e5 shot. White's bishops become rather effective now.' Huber,G: 'unnötig passiv und verpasst auch die letzte Chance zur Möglichkeit ...♘e5. Die weißen Läufer werden jetzt ziemlich effektiv.' *(22...Nxe5?* Huber,G: '!' *23.Bxe5 Re4!* Huber,G: '=')* 23.Bh5 Huber,G: '⩲' Re4 24.Bg3 g6 25.Bf3 Rea4 26.Bd1 Re4 Huber,G: '?!'Huber,G: 'The rook is in danger of being trapped here.'Huber,G: 'Hier gerät der Turm in Gefahr, gefangen zu werden.' *(26...R4a6∓* Huber,G: ' ±'*)* 27.Kf2 Huber,G: ' ± 'Huber,G: 'White has promising chances now, but drifts over the next several moves.'Huber,G:

'Weiß verfügt jetzt über gute Aussichten, verliert aber in den nächsten Zügen den Faden.' Rc4 28.Bh2 Huber,G: '?!' *(28.Ke3* Huber,G: ' ± 'Huber,G: 'keeps a big edge.' Huber,G: 'bewahrt großen Vorteil.' *)* 28...Rc8 29.Re1 Re8 30.Bc2 Rc5?? 31.Be4+- Rc4 32.Bc2 Rc5 33.Bf4 g5 34.Bg3 Nd7 35.h4 Nb6 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Rh1 Nc4 Huber,G: '=' 38.b4 Nxd6 39.bxc5 Nc4 40.Rh5 Nxa3 41.Rxg5+ Kf8 42.Bh7 Ke7 43.Bh4 Kd7 44.Rg7 Nc4 45.Bf6 Bd5 46.Bf5+ Kc7 47.Rg3 Huber,G: '?' *(47.e6 Bxe6 48.Bxe6 Rxe6 49.Rxf7+* Huber,G: '± ' *)* 47...b6 48.cxb6+ Kxb6 49.Bd7 Ra8 50.Kg1 Ra1+ 51.Kh2 Re1 Huber,G: ' ∓' 52.Rg5 Re2 53.Kh3 Ne3 54.Bd8+ Kc5! 55.e6 fxe6 56.Bxe6 Nxg2! 57.Be7+ Kc4 58.Rg4+ Kd3 59.Bxd5 cxd5 60.Bf6 Re6 61.Rd4+ Ke3 62.Bh8 Rh6++- 1-0 (62) Djuric,S (2540)-Vaganian,R (2585) Bled 1991 CBM 024 [Knaak, Rainer]]

8.Bf4 Bg4 9.h3 Qh4+ 10.Nxh4 Bxe2 11.Bxe2 g5 12.Bf3 gxf4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.0-0 f3 15.gxf3 Rg8+ 16.Kh2 Nxe5 17.Rae1 0-0-0 18.Rxe4 Rd2+ 19.Kh1 Rg3 20.Rxe5 Rxh3+ 21.Kg1 Rg3+ 22.Kh1 Rh3+ 23.Kg1 Rxh4 24.Rf2 Rd1+ 25.Kg2 Rh6 26.Re7 Rg6+ 27.Kh2 Rd5 28.Rg2 Rh5+ 29.Kg1 Rd5 30.Rxf7 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Rxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rd2+ 33.Kg3 Rxc2 34.Rxh7 Rxb2 35.f4 Rxa2 36.f5 Kd8 37.f6 Ke8 38.Rxc7 Rc2 39.Kf4 b5 40.Ke5 b4 41.Ke6 Re2+ 42.Kd6 bxc3 43.Rxc3 Kf7 44.Rc7+ Kxf6 45.Rxa7 Re6+ 46.Kc7 Re7+ 47.Kb8 Rxa7 48.Kxa7 ½-½ (48) RodTwinkz (2734)-champion-2023 (2670) Blitz 2023

6.Be2 Huber,G: 'White decides to ignore the ♘/e4 for the moment, intending to castle, play ♕e1, and disloge the knight with d3.' Huber,G: 'Weiß beschließt, den ♘/e4 für den Augenblick nicht weiter zu beachten, bereitet die Rochade vor, möchte ♕e1 spielen und den Springer dann mit d3 entfernen.' 6...Nc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe1 Huber,G: 'White is now prepared to play d3, which black is best to counter tactically.'Huber,G: 'Weiß steht jetzt zu d3 bereit, was Schwarz am besten mit taktischen Möglichkeiten kontert.' 8...Bg4 Huber,G: '!?'

[8...f6 and Black was ground down in this ending, Mecking, H-Tal, M/Las Palmas 1975. 9.Nxe4 1/2-1/2 Rodin, M-Savon, V/ Podolsk 1992, but dxe4 is an edge 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Qxe4 fxe5 12.Nxe5 is a reasonable alternative Bc5+!? 13.Kh1 Rxf1+ 14.Bxf1?! Qf6 15.Bd3 g6 16.Nxc6 bxc6! with advantage, Tal-Zilberstein/ Riga 1973. 17.Qf3 offers to repeat: Qd4]

9.d3 Nc5

[9...Bc5+ 10.Kh1 Nxc3 11.bxc3 d4 12.Qg3]

[9...d4 Huber,G: '!'Huber,G: 'A good way to scramble the position, as otherwise the ♘/e4 gets dislodged to white's advantage.'Huber,G: 'Eine gute Möglichkeit, die Stellung zu verwickeln, da sonst der ♘/e4 wegziehen muss, was zu weißem Vorteil führt.' 10.dxe4 dxc3 11.bxc3 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxe5 Huber,G: ' ∞'Huber,G: 'with an unclear position where white's two bishops will try to compensate for the shattered pawns.' Huber,G: 'Mit unklarer

Stellung, in der Weiß mit seinem Läuferpaar versuchen wird, die zerstörte Bauernstruktur zu kompensieren.']
[9...Nxc3 Huber,G: '?!' 10.bxc3 Huber,G: ' ± 'Huber,G: 'and white achieves a slight initiative with moves like ♖b1 or ♕g3.'Huber,G: 'und Züge wie ♖b1 oder ♕g3 sichern Weiß eine leichte Initiative.']
10.Qg3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bxc3 This move of Fischer's, stopping White from playing Bh5, is the alternative to the 12.bxc3 Ne6 13.Rb1! This move looks odd, the knight returns to b1 and 'disconnects' the rooks, but the time gained on the black queen is the upside. 13...Rb8
[13...b6 14.c4]
14.d4 White controls b6 to stop any 'easy' escape for the black queen. 14...Ne7!? Korchnoi's move.
[14...f6 15.Ba3 Rf7 16.Bg4 Qd7! 17.exf6]
15.Ba3 Re8!? A novelty, but it appears inadequate. 16.Rf2 Ng6 17.Rbf1 This is one of the subtle points of Nb1: the knight comes to a much stronger square on d2, as Nc4 is threatened, targeting d6 and b6. 17...Qd7 18.Bh5 Qa4 19.Bc1 Re7? Black tries to block the e-file, but this loses by force. Better 20.Bg4 Rbe8 21.h4 Now the back king is defenceless. 21...c5 22.h5 Ngf8 23.Bh6 Kh8
[23...cxd4! 24.Bxg7 Nxg7 25.h6 Nfe6 unclear. 26.Bxe6!? fxe6 27.Rf7 Rxf7 leaves White a pawn up, although Black can count on his bishops 28.Rxf7 is the theoretically preferred line, allowing the queen to return to base: Kxf7 29.Qxg7#]
24.Be3! cxd4 25.cxd4 Kg8 26.h6 Ng6 wins pieces along the f-file.
[26...Nxd4 27.Bd7]
27.c3 Qc6 wins anyway. The actual score on TWIC continued 28.hxg7 but this must be a mistake. 28...Nxg7 jettisoning the pawn,
[28...Qxc3 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Rf8+ is very favourable for White, who has good dark squares for his knights, Robatsch, K-Kortschnoj, V/Palma de Mallorca 1972. Kxg7! has been suggested as an improvement, 31.Bh6+]
29.Bd2 Ne6 30.Rf6 Qc4 31.Bh6 White has an extra pawn, but Black will always have chances with his bishops. 31...Nxd4 32.e6 Rxe6
[32...Nxe6 33.Bxe6]
33.Rxf7 Ne2+ 34.Bxe2 should also favour White. 34...Qc5+ 35.Kh2 Rxe2 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rff7 Qc6 38.Rxh7+ Kg8 39.Rfg7+ looks pretty good. 39...Kf8 40.Rxg6# 1-0 (40) Bluvshtein,M (2544)-Roschina,T (2260) Zürich SUI 2005 [Tony Kosten]

66 **6...Nc5** 7.Bb5+
[7.Be2 d4 8.0-0 dxc3 9.bxc3 Ba5 10.Ba3 Bb6 11.d4 Ne6 12.Kh1 c5 13.d5 0-0 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.Qe1 Nc6 16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Bc1 Bc7 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.Qg3 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.cxd3 f6 22.Bh6 Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.Be3 Nxe5 25.Bxc5 Rfd8 26.d4 Ng4 27.Rde1 Re8 28.h3 Ne3 29.Rg1 Nf5 30.g4 Ng3+ 31.Kg2 Ne2 32.c4 Nxg1 33.Rxg1 b6 34.Bb4 Re2+ 35.Kf1 Rae8 36.d5 Rb2 37.Be1 Rxa2 38.Nd4 Bd6 39.Nb5 Bc5 40.Rh1 Rxe1+ 41.Kxe1 Ra1+ 0-1 (41) Sevian,S (2687)-

Naroditsky,D (2619) chess.com INT 2024]
7...c6 8.Be2 d4 9.0-0 dxc3 10.bxc3 Ba5 11.Ba3 Bb6 12.d4 Nbd7 13.Kh1 0-0 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc1 Be7 16.Qe1 Nc5 17.Nd4 Bh4 18.Qd2 h6 19.Qf4 Bg5 20.Qf3 Bxc1 21.Raxc1 Qg5 22.Rce1 Be6 23.Bd3 Bd5 24.Qf2 Rae8 25.Nf3 Nxd3 26.cxd3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Rxe5 28.f4 Rxe1 29.fxg5 Rxf1+ 30.Qxf1 hxg5 31.Qf5 b6
1-0 (31) Sevian,S (2687)-Naroditsky, D (2619) chess.com INT 2024

[67] **7.0-0** Bc5+ 8.Kh1 Nf2+ 9.Rxf2 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Bxf2 11.d4 0-0 12.g3 c5 13.Qb3 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Nxd5 Nc6 16.Nf4 Nxe5 17.d3 Qc7 18.Bd2 Qc6+ 19.Qd5 Rad8 20.Qxc6 bxc6 21.h4 Rfe8 22.Kg2 Nxd3 23.Kf3 Nxb2 24.Rc1 Rd6 25.Rc2 Nd1 26.h5 h6 27.Rc5 Ne3 28.Ra5 Nc4
0-1 (28) ultras13 (2726)-Dgita35492 (2383) Blitz 2024

[68] **9.0-0** Nd7 10.c4 c6 11.Kh1 Re8 12.Bb2 Bg6 13.Rae1 Qb6 14.Ba1 Ndc5 15.Bd4 Qc7 16.Nh4 Qe7 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qe3 Ng5 20.Bc5 Qd8 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.d3 Ne6 23.Bd6 d4 24.Qf3 Qd7 25.Re4 f5 26.exf6 Ng5 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Qd5+ Kh7 29.Qxg5 Qxd6 30.Qh4+
1-0 (30) ImiRammstein (2776)-Dgita35492 (2433) Blitz 2024

[69] **6.d3** Nxc3
[6...Nc5 7.h3 Bh5 8.d4 Ne4 9.Bd3 Ng3 10.Rg1 Bg6 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.Qe2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 c6 14.e6 Bxd3 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.cxd3 Be7 17.Rf1 Re8 18.Ng5+ Bxg5 19.Bxg5+
1-0 (19) taras05 (2723)-Klessyhdra (2731) Blitz 2023]
7.bxc3 Nc6
[7...Nd7]
8.d4 f6
[8...Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Bh5 11.Qe1 Bg6 12.Qg3 Na5 13.h4 Nc4 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qe7 16.Rae1 Rae8 17.Qg4 h6 18.Nh3 Nd2 19.Rf2 Ne4 20.Rf3 Qe6 21.Qxe6 fxe6 22.Nf4 Bf5 23.c4 c6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.c4 dxc4 26.Bxc4 Nd2 27.Be2 Nxf3+ 28.Bxf3 Rd8 29.d5 exd5 30.e6 Rfe8 31.Bxd5 Kh7 32.h5 g5 33.hxg6+ Bxg6 34.Bb3 b5 35.Re5 Rb8 36.Rc5 a5 37.Rc7+ Kg8 38.Nxg6 a4 39.Bd5 b4 40.Ne5 b3 41.Ng4 b2 42.Nf6+ Kh8 43.Rh7#
1-0 (43) yoseph2013 (2707)-Artem_Korjakin (2412) Blitz 2024]
9.Be2
[9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Be2 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bg5 Qg6 14.Qd2 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Rf5 16.Bh4 Raf8 17.Rae1 Na5 18.Qe2 c6 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Ba3 21.Rb1 R5f7 22.Bg4 Kh8 23.Re2 b5 24.Be6 Rb7 25.Bg4 Nc4 26.Bg3 a5 27.Rbe1 a4 28.Re8 Rbf7 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Bd7 Bb2 31.Bxc6 Bxc3 32.Re6 Bxd4+ 33.Kh2 Ne3 34.Bd6 Rc8 35.Bxb5 Nxc2 36.Bxa4 Ne3 37.Bb5 Nc4 38.Bg3 Bf6 39.a4 h5 40.Bf4 h4 41.Kg1 Na5 42.Bd6 Nc4 43.Bf4 d4 44.g4 hxg3 45.Bxg3 d3 46.Bxc4 Rxc4 47.Rd6 Bd4+ 48.Kf1 Kg8 49.Be1 Kf7 50.Bd2 Ke7 51.Rd5 Ke6 52.Rd8 Kf5 53.Kg2 Ke4 54.Re8+ Be5 55.Bg5 Rc2+ 56.Kf1 d2 57.Ke2 Kf5 58.Kd1 Rc1+ 59.Kxd2 Rc6 60.Rxe5+ Kxe5 61.Be3 Ke4 62.a5 Rd6+ 63.Ke2 Rd5 64.Bb6 Rb5 65.Kd2 Rb2+ 66.Kc3 Ra2 67.Kc4 Rxa5 68.Bxa5

g6 69.Bc7 g5 70.Bd8 Kf5 71.h4 g4 0-1 (71) yoseph2013 (2760)-Igor9999999 (2395) Blitz 2025]

[9.Bb5 fxe5 10.dxe5 Bc5 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Be3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qh4+ 16.Kd2 c5 17.Rag1 d4 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qg5 Qxg5+ 20.Rxg5 Rxf3 21.Rhg1 g6 22.R1g2 Kf7 23.h4 Re8 24.h5 Re6 25.R2g4 c5 26.Rh4 h6 27.hxg6+ Rxg6 28.Rgh5 Ke6 29.Rxh6 Rxh6 30.Rxh6+ Kxe5 31.Ra6 Rf7 32.Kd3 Kd5 33.Ra5 Rf3+ 34.Kd2 Rf2+ 35.Kc1 Rf7 36.Kd2 Kc4 37.Ra4+ Kb5 38.Ra3 c4 39.Rh3 Rf2+ 40.Kc1 Kb4 41.a3+ Ka4 42.Kb2 d3 43.Rh6 Rxc2+ 44.Kb1 a5 45.Rh5 Rg2 46.Rc5 Kb3 47.Rb5+ Kc3 0-1 (47) Nadigraj (2736)-lupta_robin (2614) Blitz 2022]

9...fxe5 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 0-0-0 13.Nf7 Bd6 14.Bg5 Rde8 15.Nxh8 Rxh8 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Rad1 Re8 18.Qf3 h6 19.Rxd5 Qe6 20.Bd2 Bd6 21.Qf5 Qxf5 22.Rdxf5 Re2 23.R1f2 Re4 24.Kf1 Ra4 25.Rf7 Rxa2 26.Rxg7 b6 27.Bxh6 a5 28.Bf4 Ra1+ 29.Ke2 Ne5 30.Rg8+ Kb7 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.Kd3 Ra3 33.Re8 Rxc3+ 34.Kd2 Rc5 35.g4 a4 36.Rf5 Bc3+ 37.Kd3 Rc6 38.Rff8 Ba5 39.Ra8 Rc3+ 40.Kd4 Rxc2 41.Kd5 Rc5+ 42.Ke6 a3 43.Kd7 Rd5+ 44.Ke6 Rd6+ 45.Ke7 a2 46.Rxa5 bxa5 47.Rf1 Rd2 48.h4 Re2+ 49.Kd7 Rg2 50.g5 Kb6 51.Ra1 c5 52.Ke6 Kb5 53.Kf6 Kb4 54.g6 Kb3 55.g7 Kb2 56.Rh1 a1Q 57.Rxa1 Kxa1 58.h5 c4 59.h6 c3 60.h7 c2 61.g8Q Rf2+ 62.Kg6 c1Q 63.Qg7+ Kb1 64.Qf7 Qc2+ 65.Kg7 Rxf7+ 66.Kxf7 Qxh7+ 67.Kf8 Qh6+ 68.Ke8 Qh5+ 69.Kd8 Qg4 70.Kc7 Qf4+ 71.Kb7 Qf5 72.Ka7 Qe5 73.Ka8 Qd5+ 74.Kb8 Qd6+ 75.Ka8 Qe7 76.Kb8 a4 77.Ka8 a3 0-1 (77) Lukianoo (2781)-Creep30 (2772) Blitz 2021

6.d4 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 f5 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qc1 Qc6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Rb1 a6 16.Be1 Rae8 17.Qa3 h5 18.Nh4 Rxf1+ 19.Bxf1 Bh7 20.gxh5 Nb6 21.Bg2 Nc4 22.Qc1 Rf8 23.h6 gxh6 24.Nf3 Qg6 25.Ne5 Nxe5 26.dxe5 b5 27.Qe3 Qf5 28.Bh4 Qxe5 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Bxf1 Qxc3 31.Qf4 Qg7+ 32.Kh2 Qf8 33.Qxf8+ Kxf8 34.a3 Nd6 35.c3 Be4 36.Bg3 Ke7 37.Bf4 h5 38.Kg3 Bg6 39.Kf2 Ne4+ 40.Ke3 c5 41.Bd3 Ke6 42.Bxe4 Bxe4 43.Bh6 Bg6 44.h4 Kf5 45.Bf8 c4 46.Be7 Ke6 47.Bg5 Kd7 48.Kd4 Kc6 49.Bh6 a5 50.Bf8 Bf7 0-1 (50) Alexsur81 (2764)-bodoque50 (2557) Blitz 2022

6.Qe2 Nxc3 ChessBase II: '⌓'

[6...Nc6? 7.Nxe4 Nd4 8.Qd3 Bxf3 9.Ng3+- Euwe-Yates, Haag 1921.]

[6...Ng5 7.d4

A) 7...c6 8.Bxg5 Bxf3 9.Qe3!+- Qb6 10.gxf3 Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qxc2 12.Rc1?! *(⌓12.Rxb7!)* 12...Qb2 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Rc8+ Kd7 15.Bh3+ 1-0 (15) Martinez,C (2441)-Goncalves,M (1779) Campinas 2008 EXT 2022 [ChessBase II];

B) 7...Nxf3+ 8.gxf3 Be6 *(8...Qh4+ 9.Qf2 Qxf2+ 10.Kxf2 Be6 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Rg1 0-0-0 13.Rd1 Rg8 14.Ne2 Be7 15.Nf4 Bf5 16.c3 f6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Nxd3 g6 19.f4 a5 20.Ke2 a4 21.Rdf1 f5 22.h4 Kd7 23.Rg2 b6 24.Rh1 Ke6 25.h5 Rg7 26.Rgh2 Rdg8 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Rh8 Nd8 29.b3 Rxh8 30.Rxh8 axb3*

31.axb3 Kd7 32.c4 c6 33.Nb2 g5 34.Na4 gxf4 35.Bxf4 Ne6 36.Be3 Bd8 37.cxd5 cxd5 38.Nc3 Rg2+ 39.Kf3 Rb2 40.Rh7+ Kc6 41.Rh6 Kd7 42.Nxd5 Rxb3 43.Ke2 b5 44.Kd2 b4 45.Rg6 Rb2+ 46.Kd3 b3 47.Rh6 Rg2 48.Rxe6 b2 49.Rd6+ Ke8 50.Nc3 Rg3 51.Kc2 Rxe3 52.Kxb2 Bc7 53.Re6+ ½-½ (53) Mueller,A (2467)-Tauscher,K (1290) www.remoteschach.de 2006*)* 9.Be3 Be7 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.Bg2 Qd7 12.f4 0-0-0 13.f5 Bxf5 14.Nxd5 Nb4 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qf3 Bxc2 17.Qxb7+ Kd7 18.Qb5+ c6 19.Qb7+ Ke8 20.Qxe7+ Kxe7 21.Bd2 Bxd1 22.Bxb4+ Kd7 23.Bh3+ Ke8 24.Rxd1 h5 25.Bc5 g5 26.e6 g4 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Bg2 Rh6 29.Re1 Rd7 30.Rf1+ Kg8 31.Rf8+ Kg7 32.Rc8 g3 33.Bf8+ 1-0 (33) Rodriguez,J (2515)-Perez,A Spain 1993]

7.dxc3 Schussler: '!?' Schussler: 'Δ ♗f4, 0-0-0 <xml ✕:✕nag>140</nag> <sym>B</sym>f4, 0-0-0</:✕/xml>'

[7.bxc3 c5 8.Qf2 Nc6 9.Bb5 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.d4 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.cxd4 f6 14.Qg3 Qd7!∞ Euwe]

7...Qd7

[7...c6]

[7...Nd7 8.Bf4 c6 9.h3 *(9.0-0-0 Qa5* Δ 10...0-0-0= Keres *10.Kb1=)* 9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Be7 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.Bg3 Rhf8 14.c4 Nb6 15.Be2 Kb8 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.Rd3 Ka8 18.Rhd1 f6 19.e6 Rc8 20.Rb3 Qc5 21.Bd3 Rc6 22.Bf2 Qd6 23.Bb5 Rcc8 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Rxd5 Qh2 26.Rd7 Rc7 27.a3 Rd8 28.Qd5 Rdxd7 29.exd7 Qg1+ 30.Ka2 Rxc2 1-0 (30) Westerinen,H (2450)-Ribeiro,J (2300) Skopje 1972]

8.Bf4 Na6 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd4 ½-½ (10) Anand,V (2610)-Dorfman,J (2580) Amsterdam 1990

[70] **6...c5** 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 Bh5 9.d3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Qg3 d4 13.c4 Kh8 14.Rb1 b6 15.a3 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bf4 Ne7 18.Rbe1 Nf5 19.Qh2 Ne3 20.Bxe3 dxe3 21.Ne5 Bxe2 22.Rxe2 Qd4 23.Ng4 Bg5 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qe5 h6 26.g3 Qd7 27.Kg2 Qf7 28.Re1 Qf3+ 29.Kh2 h5 30.Qxg5 hxg4 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Qd5+ Rf7 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Qh4+ Kg8 35.Qd8+ Rf8 36.Qd5+ Kh8 37.Qh5+ Kg8 38.Qd5+ ½-½ (38) smeets (2712)-ertras (2603) Blitz 2023

[71] **9.0-0** Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Be7 12.f4 f5 13.Qb5 Qd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8 15.Qxb7 a6 16.c4 Rab8 17.Bxd5+ Qxd5 18.cxd5 Rxb7 19.dxc6 Rb6 20.c3 Rxc6 21.Bd2 Rc4 22.Rfb1 c5 23.Rb7 cxd4 24.Rxe7 dxc3 25.Be3 c2 26.Kf2 Rd1 27.Rc1 Rc3 28.e6 Kf8 29.Rf7+ Ke8 30.Rxg7 Rxe3 31.Rxc2 Rxe6 32.Rc8+ Rd8 33.Rg8+ 1-0 (33) Polyclinical (2836)-mr_bh6 (2772) Blitz 2022

[72] **6.d3** Nxc3 7.bxc3 d4

[7...Nc6

A) 8.d4 Be7 9.Bd3 *(9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Kf2 0-0 12.Bd2 f6 13.Bxb4 Nxb4 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.c3 Nc6 16.Rf1 Qf4 17.Qb3 Be6 18.Kg1 Qe3+ 19.Rf2 Rac8 20.Re1 Nd8 21.Ba6 Qxc3 22.Qxc3 Rxc3 23.Bxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxe6 Na5 25.h3 Nc4 26.Rfe2 Ra3 27.Ne5 Nxe5 28.R6xe5 Ra5*

29.Kh2 ½-½ (29) Pirs,M (2538)-Class,W (2448) www.remoteschach.de 2008 *)* 9...c4 *(9...Be6 10.0-0 c4 11.Be2 g5 12.Qd2 g4 13.Ng5 h5 14.Qf4 Kd7 15.Rb1 b6 16.Nxf7* 1-0 (16) dudewithabigflute (2756)-Buffy7 (2689) Blitz 2021*; 9...0-0 10.0-0 f6 11.Qe1 cxd4 12.cxd4 fxe5 13.dxe5 Bf5 14.Qg3 Nb4 15.Bh6 g6 16.Bxf8 Qxf8 17.Nd4 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bc5 19.Qh4 Qd8 20.Qf4 Qb6 21.Rab1 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 Qc5 23.Rxb7 Re8 24.Qh6* ½-½ (24) yoseph2013 (2731)-aaryan_varshney (2601) Blitz 2023*)* 10.Be2 g5 *(10...0-0 11.0-0 f6 12.Bf4 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Bf5 14.Bg4 Bd6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bxd6 Bxg4 17.Qxg4 Qxd6 18.Rae1 h6 19.Re6 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Rf8+ 21.Kg1 Qd7 22.Rg6 Qxg4 23.Rxg4 Kf7 24.Rf4+ Ke7 25.Rxf8 Kxf8 26.Kf2 Ke7 27.Ke3 Ke6 28.Kf4 Kf6 29.h4 g6 30.g4 g5+ 31.Kg3 Ke6 32.h5 Kd6 33.Kf3 Kc7 34.Ke3 Kb6 35.Kd2 Kb5 36.Kc1 c5 37.dxc5 Kxc5 38.Kd2 d4 39.Ke2 Kd5 40.Kf2 Ke4 41.cxd4 Kxd4 42.Ke2 Kc3 43.Kd1 Kb2 44.a4 Ka3 45.a5 Ka4 46.a6 Ka5 47.Kd2 Kxa6 48.Kc3 Kb5 49.Kd4 a5 50.Kc3 Kc5 51.Kb2 Kd4 52.Ka3 Kc3 53.Ka4 Kxc2 54.Kxa5 Kd3 55.Kb4 c3 56.Kc5 c2 57.Kd5 c1Q 58.Ke5 Qc6 59.Kf5 Ke3 60.Ke5 Kf3 61.Kf5 Kg3 62.Ke5 Kxg4 63.Kd4 Qe6 64.Kd3 Kxh5 65.Kd2 g4 66.Kd3 g3 67.Kd4 g2 68.Kc3 g1Q 69.Kd2 Qg2+ 70.Kd3 Qgd5+ 71.Kc3 Qec6+ 72.Kb4 Qdb5+ 73.Ka3 Qca6#* 0-1 (73) PeterEndersFan (2703)-sotirakis (2584) Blitz 2022*)* 11.0-0 h5 12.Ne1 g4 13.g3 Be6 14.Ng2 Qd7 15.Nf4 0-0-0 16.a4 Rdg8 17.Ba3 Kb8 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.a5 h4 20.Kg2 Nf5 21.Qd2 hxg3 22.hxg3 Rh3 23.Nxh3 gxh3+ 24.Kh2 Rxg3 25.Rg1 Rxg1 26.Rxg1 Qd8 27.Bg4 Qxa5 28.Qf4 Ne7 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Qf8+ Nc8 31.Rg8 Qc7 32.Qd6 1-0 (32) CaptainRokus (2767)-donatello (2705) Blitz 2019;

B) 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0

B1) 9...Be6 10.Qe1

B1a) 10...Qc7 11.Qg3 h6 12.d4 0-0-0 13.Be3 g5 14.dxc5 Kb8 15.Bd4 Rdg8 16.Ne1 h5 17.Nd3 h4 18.Qe3 g4 19.Nf4 Bg5 20.Bb5 Ne7 21.Bd3 Qa5 22.Qe2 Nc6 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Rf7 Rf8 25.Raf1 Rxf7 26.Rxf7 Qxa2 27.Qf1 Rd8 28.Bb5 Nxd4 29.cxd4 Qb2 30.c6 Qxd4+ 31.Kh1 Rc8 32.Rxb7+ Ka8 33.Ba6 h3 34.Be2 hxg2+ 35.Qxg2 Qa1+ 36.Qf1 Qxe5 37.Bxg4 Qe4+ 38.Bf3 Qxc2 39.Qb5 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 Qd2+ 41.Be2 Bf4 42.Rxa7+ Kxa7 43.Qb7# 1-0 (43) Derek_Clasby (2706)-beatles_21 (2665) Blitz 2020;

B1b) 10...h6 11.Qf2 *(11.Qg3 g5 12.Rb1* is met by *Qc7* followed by ...0-0-0*)* 11...Qa5 12.Bd2 Qa4 13.Qg3 0-0-0! 14.Ne1?! Bh4 and Black stood well in Milner Barry-Haygarth, Sunderland 1966.;

B1c) the immediate 10...g5!? is also worth considering;

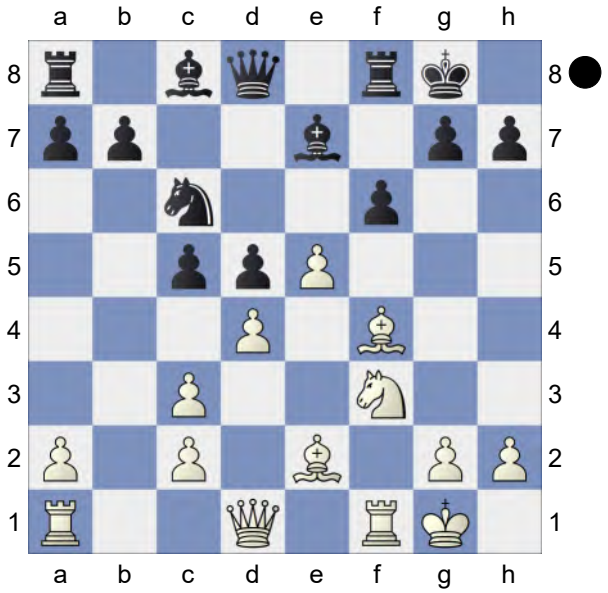
B1d) 10...Qd7 11.Qg3 0-0-0

12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Rde8 14.Bf4 Rhg8 15.h4 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Qf2 Bh3 18.Bf3 Bg4 19.Qxc5 Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Qg4 21.Rf2 Re2 22.Qd6 Re7 23.Qxd5 Rge8 24.g3 Qh3 25.Raf1 Rg7 26.Qg2 Qg4 27.Kh2 Ne5 28.Bxe5 fxe5 29.Rf7 e4 30.R1f4 Qg6 31.Rxg7 1-0 (31) CheeryChocolate (2729)-matchinggame (2703) Blitz 2023;

B2) 9...0-0

B2a) 10.d4

B2a1) 10...f6 11.Bf4 Knobel, R: 'Diagram



' Qa5 *(11...Bf5 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.exf6 Rxf6* ½-½ Wunderlich,H-Stoer,A/Bayern 1996 (47)*; 11...Be6 12.Qe1 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxf1+ 15.Qxf1 Qf8* ½-½ Mourot,C-Heinz,T/Mulhouse 1999 (37)*; 11...fxe5 12.Nxe5 Qa5 13.Bd3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxf1+ 15.Qxf1 Qxc3 16.Re1⩲)* 1-0 Perez Perez,F-Medina Garcia,A/Madrid 1943 (25) *)* 12.Qd3 Bg4 13.Rab1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nxd4 16.Rxb7 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Rae8 18.Kh1 fxe5 19.Bxe5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 ½-½ (20) Wunderlich,H (2547)-Olofson,D (2539) ICCF 2002;

B2a2) 10...Bf5 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Qd2 *(12.c4)* 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bg6 14.e6 Bf6 15.Rxf6 gxf6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.e7 Rfe8 18.Bd4 Rxe7 19.Qf4 Re4 20.Qxf6 Rxd4 21.Qxd4 Qb6 22.Bd3 Rb8 23.a4 Qxd4+ 24.cxd4 Bxd3 25.cxd3 Rb4 26.Rc1 Rxa4 27.Rxc6 Rxd4 28.Ra6 Rxd3 29.Rxa7 Rd2 30.Rd7 Kf8 31.Rd6 Kg7 32.h3 h5 33.h4 f6 34.Kh2 Kg6 35.Kh3 Rd3+ 36.Kh2 Kf5 37.Rd8 Rd4 38.Kg3 Rd3+ 39.Kh2 d4 40.Rd5+ Kg4 41.Rd8 Rd2 42.Rg8+ Kxh4 43.Rg6 f5 44.Rf6 Kg5 45.Rd6 Kf4 46.Kh3 Rd1 47.g3+ Kf3 48.Kh4 d3 49.Kxh5 Kxg3 50.Kg5 d2 51.Rd3+ Kf2 52.Kf4 Ke2 53.Re3+ Kf2 54.Rf3+ Kg2 55.Rg3+ Kh2 56.Rf3 Rg1 0-1 (56) CheeryChocolate (2729)-Herushkanamura (2932) Blitz 2023;

B2b) 10.Rb1 Qa5 *(10...b6 11.Qe1 f6 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 fxe5 14.dxe5 Bf5 15.Bd3 Qc7 16.Bb2 Rae8*

17.Rd1 Bg4 18.Be2 d4 19.Nxd4 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Bb4 21.Qg3 Bxe2+ 22.Nxe2 Bc5 23.Ng1 Qf7+ 24.Qf3 Qc4+ 25.Qd3 Qh4 26.Rd2 Qxh2 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Nh3 Rf8+ 29.Ke2 Ne7 30.Qe4 Nf5 31.Kd3 Ng3 32.Qg4 Nf1 33.Re2 Rd8+ 34.Kc3 Qg3+ 35.Qxg3 Nxg3 36.Re1 Rd4 37.a3 Ne4+ 38.Kb3 Nd2+ 39.Ka2 Rc4 40.e6 Be7 41.Re2 Ne4 42.Nf4 Ng3 43.Re3 Nf1 44.Rf3 Nd2 45.Rg3 Ne4 46.Rxg7 Bf6 47.e7 Rc8 48.Bxf6 Nxf6 49.Rf7 Ne8 50.Rf8+ Kg7 51.Kb3 h6 52.Nh5+ Kg6 53.Nf6 1-0 (53) Pfretzschner Roland (2543)-Neubert,G (2296) *)* 11.Qe1 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Bd2 Qxa2 14.Qg3 *(14.Qf2 d4 15.c4 Qa6 16.Qg3 Ne7 17.Nh4 Bd7 18.Bf3 Bc6 19.Bg4 b6 20.Rxf6 Rxf6 21.Bg5 Raf8 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Qb8+ Kf7 24.Nf3 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Qa5 26.Qe5 Re6 27.Bh5+* 1-0 (27) Pfretzschner Roland (2543)-Kuehnel,H*)* 14...Qxc2 15.Qd6 Ne7 16.Ra1 Bg4 17.Rfc1 ½-½ (17) Gallinnis,N (2575)-Rusz Heinz;

B2c) 10.Bf4 f6 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.d4 Qa5 13.Rad1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb4 15.Qd3 fxe5 16.Bxe5 Be7 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Rf8 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Qxd5+ Kh8 24.Bf3 Qb4 25.g3 Qb1+ 26.Bd1 Qb6 27.Qf7 Qd8 28.Bf3 Be7 29.Bxb7 1-0 (29) Iotov,V (2459)-Lebedew Georges;

B2d) 10.Qe1 d4 *(10...Bf5 11.Rb1 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bg6 13.h4 f6 14.Bf4 Rae8 15.Rbe1 Bd8 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Bd1 Ref8 18.Bg5 Bc7 19.Qf2 R6f7 20.Qxc5 Bb6 21.Qxb6 axb6* 0-1 (21) ViejoTortuga (2717)-Aciboba (2701) Blitz 2020*; 10...f6 11.Qg3 fxe5 12.Bh6 Bf6 13.c4 e4 14.Nd2 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Qf6 17.Bxg7 Qxg7 18.cxd5 Qxg3 19.hxg3 Nd4* 0-1 (19) Derek_Clasby (2707)-Mischuk_D (2560) Blitz 2020*)* 11.Qg3 RR: '!' Kh8 Papp,Petra: '!' *(11...Qd7 12.Ng5 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.Rxf6 Rxf6 16.Bg5 Rg6 17.Bxe7 Rxg3 18.hxg3 Nxe7 19.Nxc5 dxc3 20.Bf3 Rb8 21.Na4 Bd7 22.Nxc3 Bc6 23.Ne4 Nf5 24.Kf2 Nd4 25.c3 Nb5 26.Rb1 Bxe4 27.Rxb5 Bxd3 28.Rxb7 Rxb7 29.Bxb7 Bc4 30.a3 Kf7 31.Ke3 Ke6 32.Kd4 Bf1 33.c4 Kd6 34.c5+ Kc7 35.Be4 h6 36.Kd5 a5 37.Ke6 Bc4+ 38.Ke7 Bb3 39.Kf8 g5 40.g4 Be6 41.Kg7 Bxg4 42.Kxh6 Bd7 43.Kxg5 Bc6 44.Bxc6 Kxc6 45.g4 Kxc5 46.Kf6* 1-0 (46) Rinaldi Carlos Alberto (2530)-Zuzek,T (2335)*)* 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Qe8 Papp,Petra: '!?' Papp,Petra: 'This is the critical line.'

B2d1) 14.Bh5 dxc3 Papp,Petra: 'This leads to a drawish endgame.' 15.Rae1 Nd4 16.Bf6 Rg8 *(16...gxf6!* Mit den Ideen ... ♕xf2+ und ...♕b2+. *17.exf6; 16...Ne6* Papp,Petra: '?!' *17.Bh4* Papp,Petra: '!' *Nd4 18.Bf6?!* Papp,Petra: '!' Weiß lässt sich Matt setzen, aber *Ne6)* 17.e6?! Danach steht Weiß schlechter. Bxe6 *(17...gxf6! 18.exf7)* 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Bxf7 Qxf7 20.Rxf7 Bxf7 Damit startet Grandelius ein grandioses Damenmanöver. 21.Qf4 Bxa2 22.Qxd4 0-1 (22) So,W (2667)-Grandelius,N (2547) Malmö 2011 CBM 143 [RR];

B2d2) 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Bf4 Ne7 16.Qf2 Qd7 17.Bf3 Ng6 18.Bg3 a5 19.Be4 Ra6 20.e6 Rxe6 21.Bf5 Qa4 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Rab1 Bd5 24.h4 Rc8 25.Rb2 h6 26.h5 Nf8 27.Bd6 Nh7 28.Be5 f6 29.Bxd4 Ng5 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Qxf6+ Kg8 32.Qg6+ Kh8 33.c4 Qc6 34.cxd5 1-0 (34) CheeryChocolate (2794)-GgangbuVip (2735) Blitz 2023]

8.Be2 Nc6

[8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 Papp,Petra: '∓' Papp,Petra: '0-1 (18) Vera Ruiz,H (2182)-Cvak,R (2266) ICCF email 2013' 10.Qe1 f6 Papp,Petra: '!' *(10...Nc6 11.Qg3! Kh8)* 11.Qg3 Papp,Petra: '!?' Papp,Petra: 'is more combative:'

A) 11...Kh8;

B) 11...Nc6 12.Bh6 Rf7 13.exf6 Bd6 14.Bf4 *(14.Qg5 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 Rxf6 16.Bd2 Re6 17.Rae1 h6 18.Nh4 dxc3 19.Bxc3 Ne7 20.d4 Rxe2 21.Rxe2 Bd7 22.Rd2 g5 23.dxc5 Bxc5+ 24.Bd4 Bxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Bc6 26.Nf5 Nxf5 27.Rxf5 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Rd6* 1-0 (29) Soderberg,K (2412)-Rantonen Markku*)* 14...Bxf4 15.Qxf4 Rxf6 16.Qh4 Be6 17.Rf2 dxc3 18.Ng5 Rh6 19.Qf4 Nd4 20.Bh5 1-0 (20) Lelievre Alain (2513)-Sansas Andre;

C) 11...fxe5 12.Bh6 Bf6 ...und nun setzt die Dame persönlich Matt. 13.Nxe5 Papp,Petra: '!' Papp,Petra: 'with the idea ... ♖hc8 with good compensation.' dxc3 sieht nicht wirklich einladend aus. Allerdings sind die praktischen Probleme nach *(13...Bxe5 14.Qxe5* aber die Mehrfigur sollte sich durchsetzen. Nicht *14...Rf6?* Papp,Petra: '⩲' Papp,Petra: 'Black has more than enough compensation for the exchange.' wegen *15.Bg5* was e3 deckt und zugleich Matt auf h8 droht.*; 13...Nc6)* 14.d4 Be6 *(14...Qxd4+* Papp,Petra: '!' *15.Be3 Qd6 16.Bc4+ Be6 17.Ng4 Qe7 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Rxf6 Qxf6 20.Rf1 Qe7 21.Qe5 Na6 22.Bxe6+ Kh8 23.Rf7* 1-0 (23) Lelievre Alain (2513)-Mathieu Louis *)* 15.Rxf6 Qxf6 nicht zu unterschätzen, z.B. *(15...Rxf6 16.Qxg7#)*

C1) 16.Bg5 Qf5 *(16...Qf2+*

17.Qxf2 Rxf2 Papp,Petra: '!' *18.Kxf2)* 17.Bd3;

C2) 16.Bg5 Papp,Petra: 'Taking the d-pawn is an improvement.']

[8...dxc3 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe1 h6 11.Qxc3 Be6 12.Be3 b6 13.d4 Nd7 14.Rad1 0-0 15.d5 Bg4 16.Bc4 Qc8 17.Bf4 Re8 18.Rde1 Rf8 19.Qd2 Bf5 20.d6 Bd8 21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Qxh6 b5 23.Ng5 Nb6 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Nxf7 1-0 (25) Toth Gyula (2466)-Pollak Ferenc (2045)]

9.0-0

[9.c4 Be6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Qe1 Qd7 12.Qg3 0-0-0 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Rde8 15.Rab1 h6 16.Bd2 Kb8 17.Bf3 Ka8 18.Be4 g6 19.a4 Bf5 20.Bd5 Qc7 21.Rb5 Be6 22.Be4 b6 23.a5 Bc8 24.axb6 axb6 25.Rfb1 f5 26.exf6 Rxe4 27.Qxc7 Bb7 28.Rxb6 Nd8 29.dxe4 Re8 30.Rxb7 Nxb7 31.Qxb7# 1-0 (31) yoseph2013 (2712)-Anahoga (2520) Blitz 2024]

9...dxc3 10.Ng5 Nxe5 11.Bf4 h6 12.Bxe5 hxg5 13.Bf3 Bd6 14.Qe1 0-0 15.Qxc3 Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Qd4+ 17.Qxd4 cxd4 18.Rab1 Rb8 19.Bd5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Kf1 b5 23.Ke2 g4 24.Rf1+ Ke7 25.Rf4 Rh8 26.Rxd4 Rxh2 27.Rxg4 Kf6 28.a4 bxa4 29.Kf3 Rh1 30.Rxa4 Rc1 31.c4 Rc3 32.Ke3 Rc2 33.g4 Rg2 34.c5 Ke5 35.Rxa7 Rg3+ 36.Kd2 Rxg4 37.Rd7 g5 38.c6 Rg2+ 39.Kc3 Ra2 40.c7 Ra1 41.Kb2 Ra8 42.Rd8 1-0 (42) Alexsur81 (2835)-Smeyrt (2644) Blitz 2020

6.Qe2± Nxc3

[6...Bf5 7.Nd1 Ng5 8.Nxg5 Qxg5 9.Qb5+ Nd7 10.Qxb7 Nb6 11.Bb5+ Kd8 12.Qxf7 Be7 13.0-0 Rf8 14.Rxf5 Rxf7 15.Rxg5 Bxg5 16.Nc3 Re7 17.Bc6 Rc8 18.Bxd5 Rxe5 19.Be4 Na4 20.d3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 c4 23.Bxh7 cxd3 24.cxd3 Ra5 25.Rc2 Ra3 26.c4 Rb8 27.Kf2 Rb1 28.c5 Ra1 29.c6 Kc7 30.Bg8 Rxd3 31.Bb3 Rd6 32.Re2 Rf6+ 33.Kg3 Rc1 34.Re7+ Kd8 35.Rxg7 Rcxc6 36.Rxa7 Rg6+ 37.Kh3 Rh6+ 38.Kg3 Rcg6+ 39.Kf2 Rxh2 40.Bd5 Rd6 41.Bf3 Rhh6 42.g4 Ra6 43.Rxa6 Rxa6 44.Bd5 Ra5 45.Bb3 Ke7 46.Kg3 Kf6 47.Kh4 Rg5 48.Bc2 Ra5 49.Bb3 Rg5 50.a4 Ra5 51.Bc2 Rc5 52.Bd3 Rg5 53.Bb5 Rc5 54.Bd7 Re5 55.Bb5 Rc5 56.Bd7 Re5 57.Bc6 Rc5 58.Bb5 Re5 59.Bc4 Rc5 60.Bd3 Re5 61.Bf5 Ra5 62.Bc2 Rc5 63.Bd3 ½-½ (63) S_Ovsejevitsch (2726)-MeekMammoth2 (2550) Blitz 2022]

7.dxc3 Qb6

[7...Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qf2 Qa5 10.Bd3 *(10.a3 0-0 11.0-0-0 c4 12.h4 Be6 13.Be2 Bxa3 14.bxa3 Qxc3 15.Bd4 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qe7 17.Bc5 Qc7 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 19.c3 d4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 b5 22.Ke3 Qc6 23.Bf3 Bd5 24.h5 Qh6+ 25.Ke2 Bxf3+ 26.gxf3 Re8 27.Qe3 Qe6 28.Ra1 a6 29.Rhg1 f6 30.f4 b4 31.h6 g5 32.Qe4 b3 33.Qb7 Re7 34.Rxa6 Rxb7 35.Rxe6 b2 36.Rxf6 b1Q 37.Rxg5+ Qg6 38.Rfxg6+ hxg6 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Rg7+ Rxg7 41.hxg7 Kxg7 42.Kd2 Kg6 43.Kc3 Kf5 44.d5 Kxf4 45.e6 Ke5 46.e7 Kxd5 47.e8Q* 1-0 (47) Mondry,M (2489)-Brueske,T (2279) www.remoteschach.de 2010*)* 10...Be6 11.0-0 h6 12.a3 c4 13.Be2 Qc7 14.Qg3 g5 15.b3 0-0-0 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bc5 18.Kh1 Kb8 19.Rfb1 Rhg8 20.Qe3 Rc8 21.bxc4

dxc4 22.Bf3 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Rgd8 24.Rxb7+ Qxb7 25.Bxb7 Kxb7 26.Rb1+ Ka8 27.h3 Bd5 28.Qf2 Rb8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.Qf6 Be6 31.Qxh6 Kb7 32.Qxg5 Kc6 33.Qe7 Rb1+ 34.Kh2 Kd5 35.Qc5+ Ke4 36.c3 Bd5 37.h4 Rf1 38.Qc8 Rf5 39.Qg8 Ke3 40.Qg3+ Ke4 41.Qg4+ Rf4 42.Qe2+ Kf5 43.Kg3 Re4 44.Qh5+ Ke6 45.Qh6+ Kd7 46.Qd6+ 1-0 (46) AttackSparrow (2718)-iakov98 (2754) Blitz 2022]

8.Qf2 Nc6 9.Be2 Be6 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.a3 h6 12.b4 d4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bb2 Bd5 15.Bxd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 g5 17.c4 Be6 18.c5 Qc7 19.Qe3 Bg7 20.b5

6.d4 Nc6 7.dxc5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxc5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bf4 Be6 11.Rb1 Rb8 12.Qd2 a6 13.h3 Qa5 14.g4 Qxa2 15.Rd1 Qa5 16.Kf1 Rd8 17.Kg2 d4 18.c4 Qxd2+ 19.Nxd2 Be7 20.Rb1 Rd7 21.Rb2 Bb4 22.Rhb1 a5 23.Ne4 0-0 24.Kh2 Ra8 25.Rg1 Be7 26.g5 hxg5 27.Nxg5 Bxg5 28.Rxg5 Kf8 29.Rb1 Nb4 30.Rbg1 Nxd3 31.cxd3 g6 32.Bc1 Ke8 33.Ba3 Kd8 34.Bd6 b6 35.Rh5 Kc8 36.Rh4 Kb7 37.Rb1 a4 38.c5 Ra6 39.Rxd4 a3 40.Rdb4 a2 41.Rxb6+ Rxb6 42.Rxb6+ Ka7 43.Bb8+ Ka8 44.Ra6+ Kxb8 45.c6 Ra7 46.c7+ Rxc7 47.Rb6+ Rb7 48.Ra6 Ra7 49.Rxa2 Rxa2+ 50.Kg3 Ra4 51.d4 Rxd4 52.h4 Rg4+ 53.Kf3 Rxh4 54.Kg3 Rh5 55.Kf3 Rxe5 56.Kf4 Rf5+ 57.Ke4 Kc7 58.Kd4 g5 59.Ke4 g4 60.Ke3 g3 61.Ke4 g2 62.Ke3 g1Q+ 63.Kd3 Qg4 64.Kd2 Rf3 65.Ke1 Qg1+ 66.Ke2 Qg2+ 67.Ke1 Rf1# 0-1 (67) Tsundere64 (2760)-Sensei82 (2768) Blitz 2020

[73] **6...Bd7** 7.Qe2 [7.a4 a6 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.d3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Be7 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Rxf5 0-0 15.d4 Qb6 16.Be3 Qb2 17.Rf3 Qxc3 18.Bf2 Qa5 19.c3 Nd8 20.Qb3 c4 21.Qb2 Qc7 22.Be3 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Rb1 Rf7 25.Rff1 Qc6 26.Bh5 Re7 27.Qf2 Nf7 28.Qg3 b5 29.h4 Rf8 30.Bc1 Rb7 31.axb5 axb5 32.Ba3 Be7 33.Bxf7+ Rxf7 34.Rxf7 Kxf7 35.Bxe7 Rxe7 36.Qf4+ ½-½ (36) Pirs,M (2538)-Schuster,P (2446) www.remoteschach.de 2007]

7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxb5 9.Qxb5+ Qd7 10.a4 Nc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.c4 d4 13.d3 0-0 14.Bf4 b6 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.h3 Rad8 17.Qb1 Nb4 18.Qd1 Qxa4 19.Ng5 Qxc2 20.Qh5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5 Rd7 22.e6 1-0 (22) MikiMaus79 (2749)-Mrlucky2100 (2648) Blitz 2023

[74] **7.Qe2** Nxc3 8.dxc3 h6 9.Be3 Be6 10.0-0 Be7 11.b4 cxb4 12.Nd4 0-0 13.Qh5 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Bg5 15.Rae1 Bxe3+ 16.Rxe3 Qb6 17.Rg3 Kh8 18.Rf6 Qxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qd2 20.h3 Rac8 21.Bd3 gxf6 22.Qh4 1-0 (22) MajestyOfSwords (2853)-Svallap (2739) Blitz 2023

7.0-0 Be6 [7...Be7 8.Qe2 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Kh1 c4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.b4 a5 14.Be3 Qc7 15.a3 Bg4 16.Bd4 c5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.h3 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Be6 20.Rab1 Rfb8 21.Qe3 h6 22.Qc3 Qd8 23.Kh2 Bf5 24.Nd2 Bg6 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Rb1 Rxb1 27.Nxb1 f6 28.Nd2 fxe5 29.dxe5 Qb6 30.Nf3 Qf2 31.Qxa5 Be4 32.Qc3 d4 33.Qxc4+ Kh7 34.Qxd4 1-0 (34) arne1988 (2726)-Jimmythedog (2665) Blitz 2022]

8.d3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 10.Rb1 0-0

11.Qe1 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qxa2 13.Qg3 Qxc2 14.Rfc1 Qa2 15.Ra1 Qb2 16.Rcb1 Qc2 17.Qe1 a6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Rb7 Rfe8 20.Qe2 Bf5 21.Ne1 Bxd3 22.Qf2 Qxd2 23.Qxd2 Bg6 24.Nf3 h6 25.h4 Be4 26.Qf4 c4 27.Nd4 Rac8 28.Rf1 Bg6 29.Nf5 Bc5+ 30.Kh2 Rf8 31.Ne7+ 1-0 (31) ViejoTortuga (2726)-Aciboba (2692) Blitz 2020

[75] **9.0-0** h6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 cxd4 12.Nxe4 Qd5 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bf4 c5 15.c4 Qd8 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Qc6+ Kf8 18.Qxc5+ Kg8 19.b3 d3 20.Rad1 Bg4 21.Rd2 Be2 22.Rf2 Qe8 23.Qd5 a5 24.h3 a4 25.b4 Rd8 26.Qe4 a3 27.b5 Rc8 28.Rfxe2 dxe2 29.Rxe2 Qe6 30.Rc2 g5 31.Be3 Kg7 32.c5 Rhd8 33.c6 Rd5 34.b6 Rxc6 35.b7 Rxc2 36.b8Q Rxa2 37.Qb3 Rb2 38.Qxa3 Rd1+ 39.Kh2 Rbb1 40.Kg3 h5 41.h4 Rh1 42.Bxg5 Rb3+ 43.Qxb3 Qxb3+ 44.Qf3 Qxf3+ 45.gxf3 Re1 46.Kf4 Kg6 47.Bf6 Rh1 48.Be7 Rg1 49.Bf6 Rb1 50.Be7 Rb5 51.Bf6 Rb4+ 52.Kg3 Kf5 53.Bg7 Rb3 54.Bf6 Re3 55.Bh8 Re1 56.Bf6 Rg1+ 57.Kf2 Rg6 58.Ke3 Ke6 59.Kf4 Rg1 60.Bg5 Rb1 61.Bf6 Rb4+ 62.Kg5 Rd4 63.f4 Re4 64.f5+ Kd5 65.Kxh5 Rf4 66.Kg5 Ke4 67.h5 Rxf5+ 68.Kg4 Rf2 69.Kg5 Rg2+ 70.Kh6 Kf5 71.Kh7 Ke6 72.h6 Rh2 73.Kh8 Kf5 74.h7 Kg6 75.Kg8 Rxh7 76.Kf8 Rh5 77.Ke7 Rf5 78.Kf8 Rxf6 79.Ke7 Rf5 80.Ke8 Rxe5+ 81.Kf8 Re6 82.Kg8 Kf5 83.Kg7 f6 84.Kf7 Re5 85.Kg7 Kg5 86.Kf7 Rf5 87.Kf8 Re5 88.Kf7 Re7+ 89.Kxe7 f5 90.Ke6 ½-½ (90) LSGeneraal (2872)-Lorika_Hamata (2908) Blitz 2022

[76] **6.Qe2** Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?'' 6...Nxc3 '!?' '!?'

[6...Bf5 7.Qb5+ Nd7 8.Qxd5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bd3 Nxe5 11.Qxe5 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Bh4+ 13.Kd1 Qxd3 14.Nxh4 Rfe8 15.Qf5 Qe2+ 16.Kc2 Rad8 17.Rf1 f6 18.Rb1 b6 19.Rb4 Qa6 20.a4 Re5 21.Qf3 b5 22.Rg4 bxa4 23.Nf5 g6 24.Nd4 a3 25.Qxf6 Qxf6 26.Rxf6 a2 27.Ra6 1-0 (27) MardakerXXX (2757)-AkibaRubi (2570) Blitz 2018]

[6...Ng5 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '!?' '!?' ' ! ? ' ' ! ? ' 'Huber,G: 'Played once by Karpov, this is currently thought to lead to somewhat passive positions for black. Black spends some time to swap the ♘/f3 instead of the ♘/c3, but it seems to not be worth the effort.' Huber,G: 'Von Karpov gespielt, aber im Moment glaubt man, dass dies zu einer etwas passiven Stellung für Schwarz führt. Schwarz investiert Zeit, um den ♘/f3 anstelle des ♘/c3 zu tauschen, aber das scheint die Mühe nicht wert zu sein.' 7.d4 c6!? Previously I've been quite intrigued by this prophylactic advance and it's interesting to note both Adams' use of this variation twice in the same event and that Van Wely was happy to uphold an earlier choice of his. Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '!' '!' Karpov, An: 'N; Δ ♘a6-c7-e6' '!' Preparing to bring his queen's knight to e6 via a6 and c7. Karpov,An: 'Preparing to bring his queen's knight to e6 via a6 and c7. N ; Δ ♘ a 6 - c 7 - e 6 ' ' ! ' <xml✕:>[<nag>140</nag> <sym>N</sym>a6-c7-e6]</:✕/xml>'

A) 8.Qf2 ___ Huber,G: '?!' Schussler: '?!' Schussler: '8.♗e3= White has tried a couple of alternatives:' Nxf3+ , in view of his better structure, and

9.Qxf3 Qb6 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '⇄!' ' ⇄ !' '!' '!" Huber,G: 'was very comfortable for black due to the weaknesses on b2 and d4 in Hellers-Karpov, 1990.'Huber,G: 'gab Schwarz wegen der Schwächen auf d4 und b2 in der Partie Hellers-Karpov, 1990, sehr bequemes Spiel.'

A1) After 10.Qg3 Karpov,An Black can play g6 and meet *(10...Qxd4 11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.Bh6)* 11.Qf2 with f6 12.exf6 Rf8 . His simple and energetic play gives him excellent chances.;

A2) 10.Qf2 f6! 11.Qg3

A2a) 11...0-0 Karpov,An allows White to develop the queenside with 12.Bh6 Rf7 13.0-0-0 fxe5 14.dxe5;

A2b) while 11...Qxd4 Karpov,An '?' would be too risky after Karpov,An: '?' 12.Qxg7 Qxe5+ 13.Be2 Rf8 14.Qxh7 *(14.0-0* etc. *)* 14...d4 15.Qh5+;

A2c) 11...Be6! Schussler: 'Giving up a pawn to accelerate development.' 12.Qxg7 Rg8 13.Qxh7 Qxd4

A2c1) Schussler: 'He could also try' 14.exf6 Bc5 *(14...Qxf6* Karpov,An *15.Bd2 Rh8! 16.Qd3* , but then *Bf5∓* ✕c2 <xml✕:✕nag>147</nag>c2</:✕/xml> *17.Qf3 Bxc2 18.Qxf6 Bxf6* is a slightly favourable endgame for Black. *)* 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Qf3 Bg4-+;

A2c2) 14.Bd2 Schussler: 'With the position being blown wide open White must also develop as quickly as he can.' 14...Qxe5+ 14. - fxe5! *(* Another possibility is *14...fxe5!?∓* Karpov,An with a strong pawn centre. But the text is also not bad.*)* 15.Be2 Qf5 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: ' ∓' '∓' '∓" 16.Qh6 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: ' □' '□ ' ' □ " Qxc2 *(16...d4* Karpov,An '?!' is less good due to Karpov,An: '?!' *17.Bd3*
ß ße2 <xml ✕:✕nag>140</nag> <sym>N</sym>e2</: ✕/xml> *Qg4 18.Ne2* , intending to castle long.*)* 17.0-0 Kd7 18.Qe3 *(* Both *18.Rae1* Karpov,An *Qg6∓;* and *18.Bh5* Karpov,An *Na6* Δ ♘c7 , followed by ...Nc7, also favour Black. Karpov, An: ', followed by ...Nc7, also favour Black. Δ ♘c7' <xml ✕:✕nag>140</nag> <sym>N</sym>c7</: ✕/xml> *)* 18...Qg6 19.g3 b6 *(19...Bh3!?* Karpov,An *)* 20.Kh1 Schussler: 'Karpov, An: '!' '!' '!' '!'' Bc5 21.Qf3 Bd4 22.Bf4 Bg4 23.Qg2

A2c21) Schussler: 'In his notes to the game Karpov suggested' 23...Bxe2! Schussler: 'or' 24.Nxe2 *(24.Qxe2* Karpov,An *Bxc3 25.bxc3 Re8∓* with a much improved version of the game.*)* 24...Bxb2∞ (Hellers)

(24...Be5 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.Rf2 Kc7 27.Raf1 Nd7 etc *)*;

A2c22) 23...Bxc3 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '?!' '?!' '?!' Not the best, as White now gets some serious counterplay. '?!'' 24.Bxg4+ Qxg4 25.bxc3 Re8 26.c4 *(* White could also get rid of the minor pieces with *26.Bxb8* Karpov,An *Raxb8 27.Rxf6* . Black is still better after *Re2∓* , but there's a lot of fight left. *)* 26...Re2 27.Rf2 Rxf2 28.Qxf2 Na6 *(*After *28...Qf5* Karpov,An White plays *29.Re1* Δ ♕e2 , intending 30 Qe2. Karpov,An: ', intending 30 Qe2. Δ ♕e2' <xml✕:✕nag>140</nag> <sym>Q</sym>e2</: ✕/ xml> *)* 29.cxd5 Qh5 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '?!' '!?' '?!' Were this not Karpov playing Black here I'd say the text was a sign of panic. '!?'' *(29...cxd5* must surely be better.*)* 30.dxc6+ Kxc6 31.Rc1+ Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '?!' '?!' '?!'' *(* Schussler: 'In his notes Karpov suggested that White exchange queens here with' *31.Qg2+* Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '!' '!' '!'' *Qd5 32.Rd1* Schussler: 'Karpov,An: '!' '!' '!'' *Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2±* Schussler: '. With a bishop plus an outside passed pawn against a knight White would have a clear advantage.'*)* 31...Nc5 32.Be3

A2c221) In the event of 32...Qd5+ Karpov,An 33.Kg1 f5 White has 34.Rf1 *(34.Qf1!* , threatening 35 Bxc5 and 36 Qa6+. The remaining moves look like a desperate time scramble with White's position deteriorating before he loses on time. *)*;

A2c222) 32...Rf8 33.a4 Qd5+ 34.Kg1 f5 35.a5 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: ' ⊕''⊕'' Re8 Schussler: 'Karpov,An: ' ⊕''⊕'' 36.axb6 axb6 37.Bxc5 Schussler: ''?!' Karpov, An: '?!'' bxc5 38.Rf1 Re5 39.Qc2 c4= Time 0-1 (39) Hellers,F (2525)-Karpov,A (2730) Haninge 1990 CBM 018 [Schussler] Schussler: 'Time Karpov,An: ' ⊕''⊕' White isn't better any more, although if his flag hadn't fallen he wouldn't lose.';

B) 8.Bf4 Karpov,An Bg4;

C) 8.Nxg5 Bxg5 9.Qf2 *(9.Be3 Be6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.Qd2 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 Qe7 13.Qg3 g6 14.Bd3*

0-0-0 was equal and agreed drawn in C.Hansen-Tempone, Dortmund 1980*; 9.Qh5 Bxc1 10.Rxc1* was tried in Janosevic-Osnos, Budapest 1965, and now *Qb6!? 11.Qd1 0-0* would have given Black good play*;* while *9.Bxg5 Qxg5 10.Qd2 h6 11.Bd3 Be6 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Kb1 Qxd2* produced a fairly even endgame in Kytoniemi-Koskela, Jyvaskyla 1994*)* 9...Bh4 10.g3 Be7 11.Bd3 was Hector-Schandorff, Bellinge 1991, and now Na6 *(* rather than the game's *11...Be6)* 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf5 *(13.Ne2 Nb4 14.Bf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Qc8* is an equalizer*)* 13...Nc7 14.Ne2 f6 should give Black at least equality;

D) 8.Be3 Schussler: '(Karpov,An) Δ 0-0-0 <xml ✕:✕nag>140</nag> 0-0-0</: ✕/xml>' Huber,G: 'keeping d4 well guarded in anticipation of ... ♕b6 ideas.' Huber,G: 'hält d4 in Erwartung von Ideen mit ...♕b6 gut geschützt.'

D1) 8...Bg4 Huber,G: 'black avoids committing his king for the moment, but white still obtains kingside chances regardless.' Huber,G: 'Schwarz vermeidet es, die Stellung seines Königs festzulegen, aber Weiß erhält dennoch Chancen am Königsflügel.' 9.h3 *(9.0-0-0 Ne4 10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Bh4 12.Qe2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5* was good for Black in Driessen-Dutreeuw, Gent 2000*)* 9...Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 . White would have emerged with a secure edge after 10...Bf5 11.0-0-0 Na6 12.Qg2 Huber,G: ' ± ' g6 13.h4 Nb4 14.Rd2 Qa5 15.a3 Na6 16.Nb1 was Martorelli-Lantini, Montecatini Terme 1999, and now Nc7 , followed by 17...Ne6, would have been at least equal for Black.;

D2) 8...0-0 Huber,G: 'slightly risky, as natural moves for both sides lead to a promising initiative for white.'Huber,G: 'etwas riskant, da natürliches Spiel von beiden Seiten dem Weißen eine aussichtsreiche Initiative gibt.' 9.0-0-0 Na6 10.h4 Nxf3 11.gxf3 f6 12.f4 *(12.h5* Huber,G: ' ±!?' Huber,G: 'is also possible.'Huber,G: 'ist ebenfalls möglich.'*)* 12...fxe5 13.fxe5 Nc7 14.h5 Huber,G: '±' Huber,G: 'with obvious kingside prospects.' Huber,G: 'mit offensichtlichen Chancen am Königsflügel.' Bg5 15.Rg1 Bxe3+ 16.Qxe3 Both sides have developed their pieces along logical lines. White might have an iron grip on d5, but he needs to find a way to involve all his minor pieces in the game. Meanwhile Black will look for a favourable time to begin counterplay, possibly with ... Nd4, a well-timed ...f5, or on the queenside with, say, ...Na5 and ... b5. Bf5 17.Ne2! Reminding Black that d6 can become weak and giving White a choice of plans after Black's logical next. *(17.Rd2* Huber,G: 'intending ♖dg2 is also good.'Huber,G: 'intending ♖dg2 is also good.'*)* 17...Ne6 18.Nf4 Qh4 19.Nxe6 The point behind White's last, but

Black isn't going to grab c2 and can instead exchange two further sets of pieces. Bxe6! 20.Bd3 Qf4 21.Qxf4 Rxf4 22.h6 Now White too has a sub-optimal feature in his structure and Black shouldn't face too many problems holding. Bg4 Huber,G: 'awkward but necessary.'Huber,G: 'unbequem, aber notwendig.' *(22...g6* Huber,G: '?' *23.Bxg6* Huber,G: '+-'*; 22...Rf7 23.Rxg7+ Rxg7 24.hxg7* only Black can be better in the resulting rook ending following something like Huber, G: '**±**' Huber,G: 'leaves black with problems guarding his h-pawn.' Huber,G: 'und Schwarz hat Probleme mit der Deckung seines h-Bauern.'*)* 23.Rdf1 Huber,G: ' **±**'Huber,G: 'White has a big edge in the endgame due to superior activity, and would have converted it to a win if not for time-trouble.'Huber,G: 'Die größere Aktivität des Weißen sichert ihm einen großen Vorteil im Endspiel, den er mit Sicherheit zum Gewinn verdichtet hätte, wäre er nicht in Zeitnot gewesen.' Raf8 24.e6! Of course only by keeping the rooks on can White hope to have any grinding chances. Adams' king is the safer and he can aim at d6, but Van Wely was never really in any danger during the remaining moves: Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Bxe6 26.Rxg7+ Kh8! 27.Bd3 Rf7 28.Rxf7 Bxf7 29.Bf5 Kg8 30.Kd2 Bg6 31.Bc8 b6 32.b4 Kf7 33.Bd7 Kf6 34.Bxc6 Bf7 35.Ke3 Kf5 36.a3 Bg8 37.c3 Bf7 38.c4 dxc4 39.Be4+ Kf6 40.d5 Bg6 41.Bg2 Huber,G: '?' *(41.Bxg6* Huber,G: '+-'*)* 41...Ke5 42.Bf3 Necessary. After 42...a5?! ½-½ (42) Adams,M (2715)-Van Wely,L (2683) Los Angeles 2011 [Richard Palliser]]

[6...f5 7.d3

A) 7...Nxc3 '!?' 8.bxc3 0-0

A1) 9.g3 c5 10.Bg2 Nc6 11.0-0 *(11.h4 d4 12.c4 Re8 13.Bf4 h6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rab1 Qd7 16.Qd2 Bd8 17.h5 Rb8 18.Nh4 Bc7 19.Ng6 a6 20.Bf3 b5 21.Qg2 Ne7 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Bc6 Red8 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Rxb5 Rxb5 26.Bxb5 Bd5 27.Bc4 Bxc4 28.dxc4 Bxe5 29.Re1 d3 30.cxd3 Bd4+ 31.Kf1 Qa7 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxd3 34.Qc6 Rd1+ 35.Re1 Rxe1+ 36.Kxe1 Qb8 37.Qe6+ Kh8 38.Kf2 Qb2+ 39.Kf3 Qc2 40.Qe2 Qc1 41.a4 Qa3+ 42.Kf4 Qxa4 43.Qe6 Qa8 44.Qxf5 Qb8+ 45.Qe5 Qf8+ 46.Ke4 Qa8+ 47.Qd5 Qe8+ 48.Kd3 Qf8 49.g4 Qf2 50.Ke4 Qe1+ 51.Kf4 Qf2+ 52.Ke5 Qf6+ 53.Ke4 Qe7+ 54.Kf3 Qf6+ 55.Ke4 ½-½* (55) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Dutra, P (2191) ICCF Email 2005*)* 11...Be6

A1a) 12.Rb1 Rb8 13.h4!? *(13.Kh1 h6 14.Bd2 b5 15.d4 c4 16.Ng1 a5 17.Nh3 g5! 18.Nf2 b4↑* Meister - Timoshchenko, Barnaul 1988*; 13.d4 h6 14.Be3 b6 15.Qf2 c4 16.h4 Qd7 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Kh2 Rh8 19.Rf2 Rbf8*

20.Rbf1 Rhg8 21.Rh1 Nd8 22.Ne1 Bf7 23.Qe2 g6 24.Qd2 h5 25.Bg5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Ne6 27.Qc1 b5 28.Rhf1 a5 29.Nf3 Qe7 30.Ng1 Rd8 31.Ne2 Be8 32.a3 Bc6 33.Kh3 Rg7 34.Nf4 Nxf4+ 35.gxf4 Qe6 36.Qd2 Rb7 37.Ra1 Be8 38.Bf3 Bf7 39.Rg2 Rg8 40.Kh2 ½-½ (40) HaPpenstein,M (2402)-Rombaldoni,D (2406) ICCF 2018*)* 13...h6 14.Bd2 Qd7 (14...b5!?) 15.Kh1 Rf7 16.Rbe1 Kh8 17.Bf4 b5∞ Mellado - Hoffman, Seville 1994;

A1b) 12.Qf2 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qa3 14.Qe1 b5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Rac8 17.Bc1 Qa4 18.Rf2 a5 19.a3 Ne7 20.Bf3 Ng6 21.Bh5 Rfe8 22.Qd2 Bf7 23.Rxf5 Nxe5 24.Bd1 Bg6 25.Rf4 c4 26.Bb2 Re7 27.h4 Rce8 28.h5 Bf7 29.h6 Bg6 30.hxg7 Kxg7 31.Rc1 Nf7 32.Qf2 Re1+ 33.Kh2 R1e5 34.Qb6 Re1 35.Rf2 R1e7 36.Qc6 Kg8 37.Qxd5 Re5 38.Qg2 R5e7 39.Bf3 Ne5 40.Rcf1 Rd8 41.Bd5+ Kg7 42.Kg1 h5 43.Rf6 Kh7 44.Bc1 Qxc2 45.Qxc2 Rxd5 46.Qg2 Rxd3 47.Bf4 Ng4 48.Rxg6 Kxg6 49.Qc6+ 1-0 (49) Nogler,S (2426)-Camacho,C (2238) www.remoteschach.de 2015;

A1c) 12.d4 Qa5 13.Bd2 *(13.Qd3 c4 14.Qe3 f4 15.gxf4 Bf5 16.Ne1 Nd8 17.Qf3 Ne6 18.Rb1 Rad8 19.Rxb7 Bh4 20.Bh3 Qa6 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Qg4 g6 23.Rxh7 Kxh7 24.Qxh4+ Rh5 25.Qe7+ Kg8 26.Qf6 Rd7 27.Kh1 Rg7 28.f5 Rxf5 29.Rxf5 gxf5 30.Bh6 Rc7 31.Ng2 Qb6 32.Ne3 Kh7 33.h4 Rd7 34.h5 Nxd4 35.Qxb6 axb6 36.cxd4 Kxh6 37.e6 Rd8 38.Nxd5 Kg7 39.e7 Re8* 1-0 (39) Barri (2487)-Hanison,B (2208) Chess World 607023 2004*)* 13...Rac8 14.a4 Qc7 15.Rab1 b6 16.Rf2 h6 17.Be3 Qd7 18.Qb5 g5 19.Nd2 cxd4 20.cxd4 Kg7 21.c3 Na5 22.Qxd7 Bxd7 23.Bxd5 Rxc3 24.Nf1 Kg6 25.Ba2 Bxa4 26.d5 Ba3 27.Re1 Bb3 28.Bb1 Bxd5 29.g4 Kf7 30.gxf5 Re8 31.Bd2 Rcc8 32.e6+ Kf8 33.Ne3 Bb3 34.h4 Nc4 35.Nxc4 Rxc4 36.Re3 Rg4+ 37.Rg2 Rxg2+ 38.Kxg2 Bd5+ 39.Kg3 Be7 40.Kg4 Kg7 41.Bc3+ Bf6 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.Be1 Rc8 44.Bd3 Bb3 45.Bb5 Bd1+ 46.Kg3 Bh5 47.Bb4 Rc1 48.Bd6 Rd1 49.Bb8 Rd5 50.Bc6 Rc5 51.Bf3 Bxf3 52.Kxf3 b5 53.e7 Bxe7 54.Rxe7+ Kf6 55.Rxa7 Kxf5 ½-½ (55) Rydholm,L (2528)-Duliba,D (2532) ICCF 2012;

A2) 9.d4 c5 10.g3 Nc6 11.Bg2 Qb6 12.Qd3 f4 13.Bxf4 Bf5 14.Qd2 Qa6 15.Kf2 h6 16.Rhf1 Qc4 17.Kg1 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Be4 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Rae1 Rae8 22.Kg2 Bc5

23.h4 Qa4 24.Bxh6 Rxe5 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8 26.Bf4 Re6 27.Ra1 Qb5 28.a4 Qc4 29.a5 Be7 30.Qd4 Qe2+ 31.Qf2 Qa6 32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 33.Rxf1 Bf6 34.c4 Bd4 35.Rb1 Kh7 36.Kf1 Bc3 37.Rb7 Bxa5 38.Rxa7 Bb6 39.Rb7 Bc5 40.Ke2 e3 41.h5 Kg8 42.c3 Re4 43.Rc7 Rxc4 44.Be5 Ra4 45.Rxg7+ Kf8 46.h6 Ra2+ 47.Kd3 Rd2+ 48.Kc4 Rh2 49.Kxc5 Rh5 50.Rg4 Rxe5+ 51.Kd6 Rh5 52.Re4 Rxh6+ 53.Kc5 e2 54.Rxe2 Rg6 55.g4 Rxg4 56.Re3 Kf7 57.Kxc6 Kf6 58.Kd6 Rf4 59.Kc5 Rf5+ 60.Kb4 Rf1 61.c4 Rb1+ 62.Ka4 Ra1+ 63.Kb5 Rb1+ 64.Kc6 1-0 (64) Pirs,M (2538)-Schiebener,H (2122) www.remoteschach.de 2008;

B) 7...Nc5

B1) 8.d4 Ne4 9.Bf4 0-0 10.h4 Bb4;

B2) 8.g3

B2a) 8...d4 9.Nd1 Ne6 10.Bg2 c5 11.h4 Bd7 *(11...Nc6!? 12.Nf2 0-0⇄)* 12.Nf2 Bc6 13.Nh3 Qd7 *(13...Na6?! 14.Nfg5! Nxg5 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Nxg5±)* 14.0-0 Na6?! [14...0-0] 15.Nfg5! Bxg5 *(15...Nxg5 16.Bxg5±)* 16.Bxc6 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Qxc6 18.Bg5! Nxg5 19.Nxg5 0-0 *(19...g6 20.g4! 0-0 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Rf2→)* 20.Qh5 h6 *(20...Qg6 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Nh3! Δ ♘f4±)* 21.Nh3 Nb4 22.Rf2 Nd5 23.Nf4 Ne3 *(23...Nxf4 24.gxf4↑)* 24.e6 Ng4 *(24...Nd5 25.Re1↑)*

B2a1) 25.Re2 Rf6! Δ ♔h7, g6 *(25...Qf3 26.Rg2)*;

B2a2) 25.Re1! Nxf2 *(25...Rf6 26.e7 Re8 27.Nd5!→)* 26.Kxf2⩲ Rae8 27.Re5 c4 28.Rxf5 cxd3 29.cxd3

B2a21) 29...Qc2+ 30.Kg1 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qxb2+ 32.Kh3 Qb4 *(32...Qxa2 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.e7±)* 33.Qf7+!;

B2a22) 29...Rxf5 30.Qxf5 Rf8 31.Qe5 Qc2+ 32.Kg1 Qc1+ 33.Kg2 Qd2+ 34.Kh3 Qe3 35.Qd6!? Rxf4 36.e7 Rf3!⊕ [37.♕d5 ♔h7 (37...♔h8 38.♕f3!±) 38.♕e4 g6! 39.♕f3 ♕f3 40.e8♕ ♕f1=] RR 1-0 (36) Koltsov,V (2495)-Levin,L (1800) corr URS-ch19 1991;

B2b) 8...Ne6 9.Bg2 c6 10.d4 0-0 11.Be3 f4 12.Bxf4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Rxf4 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Qe3 Rf8 16.Ne2 Na6 17.c3 Qd7 18.Nf4 g5 19.Nd3 Bf5 20.Rae1 Qe6 21.Re2 Qg6 22.Nfe1 Nc7 23.Ref2 Ne6 24.h3 h5 25.Qg3 h4 26.Qe3 Ng7 27.Bf3 Qe6 28.Kh2 Bxh3 29.Rg1 Bf5 30.Rfg2 Qh6 31.Nf2 Ne6 32.Be2 Kh8 33.Nf3 Rg8 34.Ng4 Qh7 35.Nf6 Bxf6 36.exf6 g4 37.f7 g3+ 38.Kh1 Rg7 39.Qe5 Rf8 40.c4 Bh3 41.cxd5 cxd5 42.Rh2 gxh2 43.Rxg7 Nxg7 44.Qf6 Qb1+

45.Kxh2 Be6 46.Ng5 Bxf7 47.Nxf7+ Rxf7 48.Qxf7 Qxb2 49.Qf2 Kg8 50.a4 Qd2 51.Qg2 Qxd4 52.Bf3 Qf4+ 53.Kh3 b6 54.Bxd5+ Kf8 55.Qg4 Qxg4+ 56.Kxg4 Ke7 57.Kxh4 Kd6 58.Bf7 a5 59.Kg5 Ne6+ 0-1 (59) Ekebjaerg,O (2618)-Burger,H (2555);

B3) 8.Qf2 0-0 9.Bg5 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.g3 Nbd7 12.Qe3 Ne6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Ne2 c5 15.d4 c4 16.h4 Nb6 17.Ng5 Bd7 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Qg5 Qd7 20.Bh3 Rac8 21.Rhf1 c3 22.b3 h6 23.Qe3 Rc6 24.Rd3 b4 25.Nf4 Nc4 26.bxc4 Ra6 27.cxd5 Rxa2 28.Kd1 Qa4 29.Rxc3 bxc3 30.Qd3 Bd7 31.Ng6 Ra1+ 32.Ke2 Bb5 33.Ne7+ Kh7 34.Rxf5 Qxc2+ 35.Kf3 Qxd3+ 36.Kg4 Qe2+ 0-1 (36) Hector,J (2616)-Reyes;

B4) 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qf2 Ne6 10.d4 f4 11.Bd2 Nb4 12.0-0-0 c5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qf1 0-0 16.Kb1 Nc7 17.Ba4 Be6 18.Ne2 b5 19.Bb3 a5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Bxa4 Nb4 22.Nxf4 Bd7 23.Bb3 a4 24.Bxd5+ Nbxd5 25.Qc4 Bb6 26.Ng5 Rxf4 27.Bxf4 Bg4 28.Qe4 g6 29.Nf7 Kxf7 30.e6+ Bxe6 31.Bxc7 Qe7 32.Qf3+ Qf6 33.Rhf1 Qxf3 34.Rxf3+ Ke7 35.Bxb6 Nxb6 36.Rc3 Nc4 37.Rd4 Rc8 38.Kc1 Kf6 39.Rh4 h5 40.Rf4+ Ke5 41.Rf2 Bf5 42.b3 axb3 43.cxb3 Nd6 44.Rxc8 Nxc8 45.b4 Nd6 46.Kb2 Kd4 47.Kb3 Be6+ 48.Ka4 Bf5 49.g3 ½-½ (49) Pirs,M (2538)-Krauss,H (2532) www.remoteschach.de 2008;

B5) 8.Nb5 Ne6 9.Nbd4 c5 10.Nxe6 Bxe6]

[6...Nc5 7.d4 Schussler: 'Black has also tried' 7...Ne6 Schussler: 'Karpov, An , 7...0-0, 7...Nxf3+, 7...Bg4 and 7...Nc6, but none of them with great success.' 8.Be3 c6 9.Qd2 f5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Ne2 Nd7 12.0-0 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 b5 15.a4 a5 16.axb5 Nb6 17.Ra2 Qe8 18.h4 Qxb5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxh6 Bxh4 22.Qf4 Bd8 23.Qg3 Qd7 24.Nf4 Rf7 25.Qg6 Re7 26.Bxg7 1-0 (26) Timmerman,G (2733)-Oosterhoff,J]

7.dxc3 Placenti,Carlos A: 'Una posición teòrica importante en esta variante. El blanco siempre recaptura con el peón "d", aislando voluntariamente su peón e5, pero logrando como compensación una gran actividad para sus piezas y la columna abierta "d".'

[7.bxc3 0-0

A) 8.Qd1 c5 *(8...f6 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.Be2 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Rb1 Qa5 13.Kh1 a6 14.d4 c4 15.Bd2 Qxa2 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Rxf8+ Kxf8 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.dxe5 Bf5 20.Rc1 Re8 21.Qf1 Rxe5 22.Bf3 Kg8 23.Bf4 Re4 24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.Bd6 h6 26.Rb1 Qxc2 27.Rxb7 Qxc3 28.Bf8 Bxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Qc2+ 30.Kg1 Qg6+ ½-½ (30) Bauer,A (2427)-Krauss,H (2532) www.remoteschach.de 2008)* 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Bf5 11.Rb1 Rb8 12.d3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Bg6 14.Be1 Qa4 15.Bg3 b6 16.Qc1 h6 17.Kh1 Rbc8 18.Ra1 d4 19.c4 Rce8 20.Rb1 Bd8 21.Rb3 Qa6 22.Ra3

Qc8 23.c3 dxc3 24.Qxc3 Bh5 25.Bd1 f6 26.exf6 Bxf6 27.Qc2 Nd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4 29.Bf3 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Rf7 31.Qg2 Qf5 32.f4 Kh7 33.Qd5 Re5 34.Qg2 Re3 35.Bf2 Rxd3 36.Rxd3 Qxd3 37.Bxd4 cxd4 0-1 (37) Mondry,M (2428)-Leisebein,P (2346) www.remoteschach.de 2010;

B) 8.g3 f6 9.e6 f5! 10.Bh3 Rf6 11.0-0 Bxe6 12.Nd4 Bc5 13.Ba3 Bxd4+ 14.cxd4 Nc6∓ V.Kersten - Kalka, Dortmund 1992]

Placenti,Carlos A: 'Además de 7...Nc6 y 7...c6, el negro puede jugar aquí'

7...c5 Postny,Evgeny: 'Postny,E: 'is a solid alternative.'' Placenti,Carlos A: 'que es un movimiento flexible, que tiene la ventaja de permitir el eventual enroque en el ala dama, si el negro así lo decide.'

Postny,Evgeny: 'is a solid alternative.'

[7...Be6 8.h4 h6 9.Bf4 Nd7 10.0-0-0 Nc5 11.Kb1 Qd7 12.g3 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Qc6 14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Nxe6 Na4 16.Nxd8 Qxb2# 0-1 (16) trafficplainer (2806)-aFANofFUN (2756) Blitz 2023]

[7...0-0 'Ü 23/236 Ftacnik: '(Hodgson, Julian M) Ü 23/236 Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ü 23/236'' (Hodgson,Julian M) ß 23/236 Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ü 23/236' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Hodgson,Julian M) ß 23/236 Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ü 23/236''(Hodgson,Julian M) Ü 23/236 Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ü 23/236''Ü 23/236 Ftacnik: '(Hodgson,Julian M) Ü 23/236 Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ü 23/236''' Hodgson,Ju: '- 23/236'' '' Placenti, Carlos A: 'Probablemente prematuro. Este temprano enroque corto compromete inmediatamente al rey negro, llevando a posiciones de doble filo, con chances de ataque para ambos lados. Sin embargo, la experiencia parece indicar que el ataque blanco se desarrolla algo más rápidamente que el del negro.' 8.Bf4 Placenti,Carlos A: 'Típico desarrollo, sosteniendo el peón punta de lanza (aislado), y preparando el enroque largo si resulta conveniente (que por lo general es la mejor opción para el blanco, habida cuenta de su proyecto de lanzar la tormenta de peones en el flanco rey).' *(8.Bd2;* Si *8.Qf2?!* el negro reacciona con *f6!)* 8...c5 Placenti,Carlos A: 'Lo más agresivo y ambicioso: el negro discute a las blancas el dominio del centro, consiguiendo además ventaja de espacio en el ala dama.' *(8...Nc6; 8...Be6 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Nc6 11.h3 Qa5 12.Qb5 Qxb5 13.Bxb5 Rad8 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Bg5 Bxg5+ 16.Nxg5 Bf5 17.g4 Bg6 18.e6 Rfe8 19.exf7+ Bxf7 20.Rde1 h6 21.Nf3 Rf8 22.Ne5 Be8 23.Rhf1 Rf2 24.Rxf2* 1-0 (24) RodTwinkz (2704)-MR_HW (2618) Blitz 2023*)* 9.0-0-0 Placenti,Carlos A: 'Lo más común, sacando al rey del centro del tablero, y comenzando la presión sobre el peón d5.' *(9.g3 Bf5 10.Bg2 Be4 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 Nc6 13.h4 f6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.hxg5 g6 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Rd7 Nd8 19.Qc4+ Nf7 20.Rxh7* 1-0 (20) Stromberg Peter (2594)-Boehm,H *)*

A) 9...Nc6 10.c4 *(10.h4 c4 11.Kb1 Bf5 12.h5 h6 13.g4 Be4 14.Bg2 Re8 15.Nd4 Bxg2 16.Qxg2 Bg5 17.Bh2 Nxe5 18.Nf5 Qc7 19.Rhe1 Rad8 20.a3 Bf6 21.Rxd5 Qc6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8*

23.Qxc6 Nxc6 24.Nd6 Na5 25.Re4 a6 26.Ka2 Bg5 27.a4 g6 28.Ka3 gxh5 29.gxh5 Bf6 30.Ka2 Kf8 31.Nxc4 Nxc4 32.Rxc4 Rd5 33.Rc7 Rxh5 34.Bd6+ Kg7 35.Rxb7 Be5 36.Rb6 Bxd6 37.Rxd6 f5 38.b4 f4 39.Rxa6 f3 40.Rd6 f2 41.Rd1 1-0 (41) Pirs,M (2538)-Schulz,H (2305) www.remoteschach.de 2008 *)*

A1) 10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Rxd4 Qa5!? 13.cxd5

A1a) 13...Qxa2 14.d6 Qa1+ 15.Kd2 Qxb2 16.Qc4 *(16.Qd3 Bf5)* 16...Bd8 *(16...Rd8 17.Bd3)* 17.d7 b5!⇄;

A1b) 13...Bc5?! 14.Rc4 *(14.Rd1 Qxa2 15.Qb5 b6 16.Bc4±)* 14...Rd8

A1b1) 15.Qe4 Rxd5 16.Bd3 *(16.Qxd5 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Qxd5∓)* 16...g6 17.Kb1±;

A1b2) 15.d6 Be6 16.Qe4 Bd5 17.Ra4 *(17.Qxd5? Be3+)* 17...Be3+! 18.Qxe3 *(18.Bxe3?? Qe1#)* 18...Qxa4 19.Bd3 Rac8?! *(19...Qxa2 20.Re1 Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qxb2 22.Qh3 Qb4+ 23.Kd1 g6 24.Bg5 Be6∓)* 20.Re1 *(20.a3 Rxc2+?! 21.Bxc2 Rc8 22.Qd3 Qxf4+ 23.Kb1± Rxc2 24.d7!+-)* 20...Qxa2 21.Bg5 Qa1+ *(21...f6 22.Qh3 h6 23.Bxf6!→)* 22.Kd2 Qxb2?! *(22...Qa5+ 23.c3±)* 23.Bxd8± Qb4+ 24.Kd1 Rxd8 25.Qg5 *(25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qd3+ Kg8 27.Qxd5±)* 25...Rf8 26.Re3± Be6 27.Re4 Qc5 28.Qg3 g6 29.Rh4 Re8 30.Qg5 Qg1+ 31.Kd2 Qf2+ 32.Be2 h5 33.Rf4 Qc5 34.Bd3 Qa5+ 35.Kc1 Qa1+ 36.Kd2 Qa5+ 37.c3 Qa2+ 38.Ke3 Bg4?? *(38...Qa1⇄)* 39.Rxg4+- Qd5 *(39...hxg4 40.d7)* 40.Re4 Qc5+ 41.Kd2 Qf2+ 42.Re2 1-0 (42) Hector,J (2505)-Fredericia,L (2080) Copenhagen 1998 CBM 65 ext [Bangiev];

A2) 10...d4 11.Qe4 g6 *(11...f5 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Bg5 Rf7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Qxe7 Nxe7 17.Ng5 Rff8 18.Rhe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 Nf5 20.Ne6 Rfc8 21.Re4 a5 22.Rf1 Ne3 23.Rf3 b6 24.Ref4 Kh8 25.g4 g6 26.h3 Kg8 27.Rf7 Re8 28.Nc7 Rf8 29.Nxa8 Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Nxb6 Ke6 32.Kd2 Kd6 33.Ke2 Kc6 34.Na4 Ng2 35.Kf3 Ne1+ 36.Ke4 Nc2 37.g5 Nb4 38.a3 Nc2 39.h4 Kd6 40.Nb6 Ne3 41.b3 Nd1 42.Kf3 Ne3 43.Kf4 Nd1 44.Nd5 Nf2 45.Nf6 Nxd3+ 46.Ke4 Nf2+ 47.Kf3 Nd3 48.Nxh7 Ke5 49.Nf6 Ne1+ 50.Kg3 Nd3 51.Nd5 Nb2 52.Kf3 a4 53.bxa4 Nxc4 54.Nf4 Kf5 55.Nd3 Nd2+ 56.Ke2 Nb3 57.Nb2 Na5 58.Kd3 Kf4 59.h5 Kxg5 60.hxg6 Kxg6 61.Nc4 Nc6 62.Ke4 d3 63.Kd5 Na5 64.Ne5+ Kf6 65.Nxd3 Ke7 66.Kxc5 Kd7 67.Kb5 Nb3 68.Kb6 Kc8 69.Nb4 Nd2 70.a5 Nc4+* ½-½ (70) PospaSil,L (2497)-Jong,R (2312) ICCF

2007 *)* 12.Bh6 Re8 13.Qf4 Qd7 14.c3 Rd8 15.h4 Qg4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bd3 Qxf4+ 19.Bxf4 Bg4 20.Rdf1 Rac8 21.Kb1 a6 22.Rf2 h5 23.g3 Bf8 24.Rhf1 Rd7 25.Re1 Bb4 26.Rc1 b6 27.Bg5 ½-½ (27) Pirs,M (2538)-Allerberger,P (2523) www.remoteschach.de 2007;

B) 9...Qa5 Placenti,Carlos A: '⇄' Placenti,Carlos A: 'Típica salida de la dama negra, en busca de contrajuego.' 10.a3 Una jugada inusual. *(* Suele enseñársele a los principiantes que, a diferencia del enroque corto, el enroque largo se hace en dos jugadas, la del enroque propiamente dicha, y la jugada *10.Kb1* que completa todos los recaudos para la seguridad del rey. Aquí es precisamente lo más frecuente. *Be6 11.h4 h6 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.Rxd5 Qa6 14.Qf3 Qc6 15.Bc4 Nd7 16.e6 Bxe6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rd3 Qxf3 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Rxf3 Nb6 21.Kc1 Rae8 22.Bg4 Nc4 23.Bd7 Rd8 24.Be6 Bd6 25.Bxh6 Rxf3 26.gxf3 gxh6 27.Bxc4 Bf4+ 28.Kb1 Kg7 29.Rg1+ Kf6 30.Bd3 h5 31.a4 b6 32.Ka2 Be3 33.Rg6+ Kf7 34.Rg2 Kf6 35.Kb3 Rh8 36.Kc4 Ke5 37.Be4 a6 38.Bb7 Rf8 39.Rg6 Rf4+ 40.Be4 Rf6 41.Rxf6 Kxf6 42.Bb7* 1-0 (42) Bauer,A (2427)-Schemmann,B (2297) www.remoteschach.de 2007*)* 10...Be6 11.h4 Comienzan los ataques en sectores opuestos. Nc6 12.Ng5 c4 *(12...Qa4 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.g3 Rxf4 15.gxf4 Qxf4+ 16.Kb1 Qxe5 17.Qg4 Rf8 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Rhe1 Qd6 20.h5 Rf4 21.Qe2 Rf6 22.Rd3 c4 23.Re3 Kf7 24.Ka2 a5 25.Rg1 Qb6 26.Reg3 g6 27.hxg6+ hxg6 28.Rf1 Rxf1 29.Qxf1+ Kg7 30.Qe2 Bf6 31.Qh5 g5 32.Bg4 Qc7 33.Rh3 Kf8 34.Re3 Qf7 35.Qh2 e5 36.Re1 Ne6 37.Rxe5 Bxe5 38.Qxe5 Nd8 39.Qxg5 Nc6 40.Bc8 Ke8 41.a4 Qc7 42.Qg8+ Ke7 43.Bxb7 Kd6 44.Qg6+ Kc5 45.Bxc6 Qxc6 46.Qxc6+ Kxc6 47.b4 axb4 48.cxb4 d4 49.a5 Kb5 50.Ka3 Ka6 51.Ka4 Ka7 52.b5* 1-0 (52) Richter,W (2443)-Valverde,M (1643) www.remoteschach.de 2011 *)* 13.Qf3?! Maniobra difícil de comprender. *(* Parece más lógico *13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.g3* seguido del desarrollo del alfil rey por h3, con buen juego*;* Se había jugado aquí *13.Kb1 Qb6 14.Ka2 Rad8* sin aparentes problemas para el negro, Roeder-Staller, Germany 1983 (0-1 32). *)* 13...Rad8 14.Kb1

B1) Más preciso es 14...Qb5! y sólo después de 15.Ka1 *(* si *15.Kc1 Bc8!?* con idea de ...f7-f6 *)* 15...Bf5;

B2) 14...Bf5 15.Bc1 Be4

B2a) Correcto parece 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qe2 Rxd1 *(17...Nxe5 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Qxe4)* 18.Qxd1 Nxe5 *(18...Qb5 19.Qe2 Nxe5 20.Qxe4 Bxa3 21.g4)* 19.Qd4 f5 20.Bxc4+ Nxc4 21.Qxc4+ Kh8 22.g4 y las chances lucen eqyuilibradas, aunque el blanco debe ser el más atento.;

B2b) 16.Qg3? Esto supone

una invitación a la pirotecnia táctica, que no es nada prudente para la seguridad del rey blanco. 16...Bxc2+! 17.Kxc2 Qa4+ 18.Kd2

B2b1) Más preciso es integrar primero a la acción a la torre rey: 18...Rfe8! 19.Be2 *(19.Ke1 Nxe5; 19.e6 Bxg5+ 20.hxg5 Rxe6 21.Qh4 d4)* 19...Bxg5+ 20.hxg5 Rxe5 21.Qh4 d4 y el negro tiene claras chances de victoria.;

B2b2) 18...d4?! La jugada más natural, pero no la más fuerte. 19.Ke1 dxc3 *(* El juego no sería tan fácil para el blanco tras *19...d3* , aunque tampoco para el negro. *)* 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Qxc3 Qd1+ *(*Si *21...Bc5 22.Be2)* 22.Kf2 Bc5+ 23.Be3 Rd2+ 24.Kg1 Rc2 25.Bxc5 Rxc3 26.bxc3 h6 27.Nf3 Qc1 28.Rh3 Qxc3

B2b21) Correcto es jugar de inmediato 29.e6 fxe6 30.Nd4 aunque todavía nada es fácil para las blancas: Qa5 *(30...Qe1 31.Nxc6 bxc6 32.Bd4=)* 31.Nxe6 Qe1 32.Re3 *(32.Nf4!?)* 32...Qc1 33.Rf3 *(33.Rg3 c3 34.Rxg7+ Kh8 35.Rf7 Qe1)* 33...c3 *(33...Ne5 34.Rf8+ Kh7 35.Re8)* 34.Kh2! Ne5 35.Rf8+ Kh7 36.Bd4! Qe1 37.Re8! y después de Qxf1 *(37...Ng4+ 38.Kg1)* 38.Nf8+ Kg8 39.Ne6+ el blanco logra tablas por jaque perpetuo.;

B2b22) 29.Bf2? Qc1 30.e6 fxe6 31.Nd4 Ne5 32.Nxe6 c3

B2b221) 33.Nd4 Qd2 *(33...c2? 34.Rc3)*;

B2b222) 33.Bd4 c2 34.Bxe5 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 c1Q+ 36.Kf2 Qd2+ 37.Kf1 Qd5 38.Bxg7 Qxe6 39.Rg3 Kf7 La posición ya determina el horizonte posterior de la partida. El negro avanzará sus dos peones del flanco dama, y el blanco sólo puede esperar que el último de ellos pueda ser capturado por su alfil. 40.Kg1 Qd6 41.Kh2 b5 42.Bb2 a5 43.Bc1 h5 44.Bb2 Qf4 45.Kh3 Qf5+ 46.Kh2 Qe4 47.Rf3+ Ke6 48.Rh3 Qf4+ 49.Kh1 Qd2 50.Bh8 Qc1+ 51.Kh2 Qf4+ 52.Kh1 a4 53.Bb2 Qd2 54.Bh8 Kf7 55.Rf3+ Kg6 56.Rg3+ Kh7 57.Bf6 Qd1+ 58.Kh2 Qd6 59.Bg5 b4 60.axb4 a3 61.Be7

B2b2221) Y no 61...Qxe7 62.Rxa3 porque el final es tablas, ya que el

negro no puede romper la fortaleza en la que resiste el blanco, por ejemplo: Qxh4+ *(62...Qxb4 63.Rh3 Qf4+ 64.Kg1=)* 63.Rh3 Qf4+ 64.Kh1 Kh6 65.b5 Qf1+ 66.Kh2 Qxb5=;

B2b2222) 61...Qf4 62.Bf6 Qxb4 63.Kh3 a2 64.Bc3 Qe4 *(* Tampoco ahora el negro puede capturar el alfil: *64...Qxc3 65.Rxc3 a1Q 66.Rf3=* con fortaleza blanca, y tablas.*)* 65.Rg7+ Kh6 66.Rg3 Qf5+ 67.Kh2 Qd7 68.Bf6 Kh7 69.Rg5 Qa4 70.Rg7+ Kh6 71.Rg3 Qe4 72.Bg7+ Kh7 73.Bf6 Qf4 74.Bc3 Qxh4+ 75.Rh3 Qf4+ 76.Kh1 Kg6 77.Rf3 Qc7 78.Bh8 h4 El problema al que se enfrenta el negro es eliminar de la gran diagonal al alfil. 79.Bd4 Kh5 *(* Con lo que ya se ha visto antes, no hace falta aclarar al lector que en situaciones similares la captura del alfil blanco, al precio del peón "a" conduce sólo al empate: *79...a1Q+ 80.Bxa1 Qc1+ 81.Kh2 Qxa1=* y no hay más que tablas, porque el negro no puede irrumpir en la fortaleza del blanco. *)* 80.Bf6 Kg4 81.Bh8 Qc8 82.Be5 Qc5 83.Bh8 Qc7 84.Bb2 Qc8 85.Be5 Qc1+ 86.Kh2 Qc5 87.Bh8 Qb5 88.Bc3 Qc5 89.Bh8 Qd6+ 90.Kh1 Qc7 91.Bb2 Qh7 92.Bc3 Qb1+ 93.Kh2 Qc1 94.Be5 Qe1 95.Bc3 Qd1 96.Be5 Qc1 97.Bc3 Qg5 98.Kh1 Qc5 99.Bh8 Kg5! Finalmente, las negras encuentran el método para llevar al oponente al zugzwang mortal: su rey avanza a g6 sacándole casillas al alfil en la gran diagonal. 100.Bb2 Qb4! 101.Bf6+ *(* Si *101.Bg7 Kg6 102.Bf6 Qe1+ 103.Kh2 Qg3+ 104.Rxg3+ hxg3+ 105.Kxg3 Kxf6-+;* si *101.Bh8 Qb1+ 102.Kh2 Qb8+-+;* y si *101.Bc3 Qxc3*

102.Rxc3 a1Q+-+)

B2b22221)

101...Kg6!

El alfil blanco ya no tiene adonde ir.

102.Be5 *(102.Bh8 Qb1+ 103.Kh2 Qb8+-+; 102.Kh2 Qd6+ 103.Kh3 Qxf6-+; 102.Rf1 Qb1 103.Kg1 Qxf1+ 104.Kxf1 Kxf6-+)*

102...Qe1+-+;

B2b22222)

101...Kg6!

El alfil blanco ya no tiene adonde ir. 0-1 (101) Shanava, K (2563)-Safarli,E (2649) Tromso 2014 NC-3525 [Placenti,Carlos A]]

[7...Nc6 8.Bf4 *(8.Qf2 Be6 9.Qg3 Qd7 10.Qxg7 0-0-0 11.Qh6 Rhg8 12.Qe3 d4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Bd3 Qc6 15.Bd2 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Rxg2 17.0-0-0 Bxa2 18.Rhg1 Bc4 19.Qc3 Rdg8 20.h4 Be2 21.Rxg2 Rxg2 22.Qxc6 bxc6 23.Ng5 Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Bxd1 25.Kxd1 Kd7 26.b4 Ke6 27.c4 Kf5* 0-1 (27) gefuehlter_FM (2753)-kasparik_garik (2572) Blitz 2022*)* 8...Be6 9.0-0-0 Qd7 10.Qe3 a6 11.Bg5 0-0-0 12.Nd4]

[7...c6 8.Bf4 Qa5 9.Qd2 Na6 10.Bg5 Bxg5 11.Qxg5 0-0 12.Be2 h6 13.Qh5 Qa4⇄ Rause - Ruchieva, Simferopol 1992]

[7...Nd7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.0-0-0 c6 10.h4 Nc5 11.h5 h6 12.Kb1 Bg4 13.Qe1 Qd7 14.Be2 Rae8 15.c4 Qf5 16.Be3 dxc4 17.Nd4 Qc8 18.Bf3 Bd7 19.Qa5 a6 20.Ne2 b5 21.Qe1 Na4 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.Rhf1 Rd8 24.Qf2 c5 25.Be4 Qc7 26.Qg3 Bc6 27.Bxc6 Qxc6 28.Nf4 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rd8 30.Rxd8+ ½-½ (30) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Au Cardero, R (2305) ICCF 2008]

8.Bf4

[8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 h6 12.Kh1 Qc7 13.Rae1 Rad8 14.Bf4 d4 15.c4 Nb4 16.Rd1 Nxa2 17.Ra1 Nb4 18.Rxa7 d3 19.cxd3 Nxd3 20.Qe4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 Qc8 22.b3 Bf5 23.Qxb7 Qxb7 24.Rxb7 Rfe8 25.Ne1 Rb8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Rf3 Rd8 28.Re3 Rd2 29.Be4 Bxe4+ 30.Rxe4 f5 31.Re3 g5 32.Nf3 Rd1+ 33.Re1 Rd3 34.Rf1 g4 35.Ng1 Rxb3 36.Ne2 Kf7 37.Ng3 Ke6 38.Nh5 Kf7 39.Ra1 Kg6 40.Ng3 Rb6 41.Ra7 Bh4 42.Rc7 Bxg3 43.hxg3 Rb1+ 44.Kg2 Rb2+ 45.Kg1 Rb1+ 46.Kg2 Rb2+ 47.Kg1 Rb1+ 48.Kg2 ½-½ (48) RodTwinkz (2705)-Chess_diviner (2707) Blitz 2023]

[8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nc6 *(9...Qa5 10.a3 Be6 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qe3 Nc6 14.Be2 Rad8 15.Rhe1 a6 16.Kb1 Rfe8 17.h3 b5 18.Ng5 d4 19.cxd4 cxd4 20.Qf4 Nxe5 21.Bh5 Qf6 22.Nxe6 Rxe6 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 g6 25.Be2 Qe7 26.Bf1 Nc6 27.Rxe6 Qxe6 28.Qf4 Qe1+ 29.Ka2 Qe6+ 30.b3 Qd5 31.g4 h5 32.Kb2 hxg4 33.hxg4 Nd4 34.Bd3 Kg7 35.c4 bxc4 36.Bxc4 Qg2+ 37.Kc3 Ne2+ 38.Bxe2 Qxe2 39.Qd4+ f6 40.b4 Qf3+ 41.Qd3 Qxg4 42.Qxa6 g5 43.b5 Qf3+ 44.Kb4 Qe4+ 45.Ka5 Qe1+ 46.Ka4 Qd1+ 47.Kb4 Qd4+*

48.Ka5 Qd2+ 49.Ka4 Qd1+ ½-½ (49) Nogler,S (2412)-Sevilla,A (2401) www.remoteschach.de 2015*)* 10.a3 *(10.Kb1)* 10...c4 11.g3 Be6 12.Bg2 Qd7 13.Rd2 a5 14.Rhd1 b5 15.Ng5 b4 16.Rxd5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 bxa3 19.bxa3 Rae8 20.e6 fxe6 21.Be4 Qc8 22.Qh5 Rf5 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Qf3 Qe6 25.Qd5 Kf7 26.Qb5 Qe4 27.Bf4 Re6 28.a4 h6 29.Kb2 g5 30.Bd6 Kg6 31.Rd5 Ne7 32.Rd4 Qg2 33.Bxe7 Rxe7 34.Rd6+ 1-0 (34) Shwimmer,P (2501)-Noble,M (2444) FICGS email 2008]

[8.Qf2 Qb6 9.b3 Be6 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qg3 Kh8 13.Ng5 c4+ 14.Be3 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 16.Kh1 h6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.b4 Qb6 19.Bg4 Ne7 20.a4 a5 21.b5 Ng6 22.Rg1 Qc7 ½-½ (22) Biedermann,T (2480)-Krzyzanowski,W (2507) ICCF 2020]

8...Be6

[8...Nc6 Rajkovic,Dusan: 'N?!''ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: 'N?!'' ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: 'N?!'' ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: 'N?!'' Ribli: '?!"

A) Breutigam,Martin: 'In this type of position Black should take care that if possible no white minor piece can establish itself on g5; thus, at the right moment simply play ...h6:' Breutigam,Martin: 'Schwarz sollte in diesem Stellungstyp darauf achten, dass möglichst keine weiße Leichtfigur nach g5 kommen kann; also im richtigen Moment einfach ... h6 spielen:' 9.Qf2 h6 *(9...0-0 10.Qg3 Kh8 11.0-0-0)*

A1) 10.Qg3 Breutigam,Martin: '??' g5 11.Be3 *(11.Bd2 g4)* 11...g4 12.Nd2 Bh4;

A2) 10.Bd3 c4 11.Be2 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6;

A3) 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Rb1 *(11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Qg3 0-0-0)* 11...Bf5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 Qa6 14.Rd1 Qxa2 15.0-0 d4 *(15...0-0 16.Qg3 Kh7 17.Rf2 d4)*

A3a) 16.cxd4 cxd4 *(16...g5 17.Be3 g4 18.Ne1)* 17.Nxd4

A3a1) 17...Bc5 18.Be3 Bxd4 *(18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4)* 19.Bxd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 0-0 21.Qe4;

A3a2) 17...Nxd4 18.Qxd4 0-0 19.Qe4;

A3b) 16.c4 Nd8 17.Bc1 Qa6 18.e6 0-0 19.Qg3 *(19.exf7+ Nxf7)* 19...Nxe6 20.Rde1 *(20.Bxh6 Bd6 21.Qg4 f5 22.Qh5 gxh6 23.Qxh6 Bf4 24.Qg6+ Ng7)* 20...Qd6 21.Ne5 Bg5 22.Bxg5 Nxg5 23.h4 Nh7 24.Qf3 Rae8 25.Ng4 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 b6 27.Re5 a5 28.Rd5 Qe7 29.Re5 Qxh4 30.Re2 Qg5 31.Nf2 Nf6 32.Qc6 Ng4 33.Nxg4 Qxg4 34.Re1 Qg3 35.Qe4 f5 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.Re5 Rf6 Breutigam,Martin: '0-1 (37) Istratescu,A (2617)-Karpov,A (2674) Bucharest 2005';

B) 9.0-0-0 Be6

B1) 10.c4 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik''' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'''Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik' Ftacnik: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'"' d4

B1a) 11.h4 h6 12.Qe4 *(12.Qf2 Qc7 13.Kb1 0-0-0*

14.h5 Kb8 15.Be2 f6 16.Qg3 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Rxd6 20.Qh4 Bf7 21.Rhe1 ½-½ (21) Spreemann,R (2478)-Knoeppel,P (2199) www.remoteschach.de 2012*)* 12...Qa5! 13.a3 Qa4 14.Nd2 Na5 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qe2 0-0-0∓ Roellig - Hector, Berlin 1993;

B1b) 11.Nd2 Qa5 12.a3

B1b1) 12...0-0-0 13.Ne4 Qa4 *(13...Rhe8 14.Nd6+)*

B1b11) 14.Nd6+ Kb8 15.Nxf7 Rdf8 16.Ng5 *(16.Nxh8 Rxf4)* 16...Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Rf5 *(17...Na5 18.Be7)* 18.Bh4 h5 19.h3 g5 20.Bg3 h4 21.Bh2 Na5;

B1b12) 14.Bg5 Bxg5+ 15.Nxg5 d3 *(15...Rhe8 16.Ne4∞* and the weak e5 and c5 pawns will likely be exchanged. und die schwachen Bauern auf e5 und c5 werden wahrscheinlich gegeneinander getauscht.*)* 16.Rxd3 Nd4 17.Qf2 Qxc4 18.b3 Qd5 19.Nf3 Bf5 20.Rc3 Kb8 21.Bc4 Qe4 22.Re1 Qf4+ 23.Kb2 Bg6 *(23...Be6=* keeps the balance. hält das Gleichgewicht.*)* 24.Qh4∓ Hector,J-Ivkov,B/Cannes op/1989/0-1 (49) Qxh4 25.Nxh4 Rd7 26.Nxg6 hxg6 27.Rf1 Rxh2 28.Bxf7 Rxg2 29.Rxc5± White is now better due to the bishop vs knight and passed e-pawn. Und der Läufer, der gegen den Springer spielt sowie der e-Freibauer sichern Weiß Vorteil. Rc7 30.Rxc7 Kxc7

B1b121) 31.Kc3! Nb5+ *(31...Nxc2 32.Bd5 Rh2 33.Rf7++-)* 32.Kd3 Nxa3 33.Bd5±;

B1b122) 31.Rf4? Rxc2+ 32.Kb1 Rd2= 33.Bd5 Rd1+ 34.Kb2 Rd2+ 35.Kc3 Ne2+ 36.Kxd2 Nxf4 37.Bf7 g5 38.Ke3 Kd7 39.Bc4? *(39.Ke4=)* 39...Ng6! 40.Ke4 g4∓ 41.Bd5 b6 42.Bb7 g3 43.Kf3 Ke6 44.Kxg3 Kxe5 45.b4 Kd4 46.Kg4 Ne5+ 47.Kg5 Nc4 48.a4 Kc3 49.a5 b5 0-1 (49) Hector,J (2485)-Ivkov,B (2460) Cannes 1989 TD [Huber,G];

B1b2) 12...Qa4 13.Qf3 0-0-0 14.Kb1 g5 15.Bg3 h5 16.h3 g4 17.Qf2 Na5 18.hxg4 hxg4 19.Rxh8 Rxh8 20.Bd3 Rh5 21.Qe2 Nc6 22.Be4 Nd8 23.Bd5 Qd7 24.Ne4∞ Hector,J-Brinck Claussen,B/ Naestved op/1988/0.5 (65);

B2) 10.Kb1 Qa5 11.Qb5 *(11.h4 d4 12.c4 b5 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.Qf3 Qa6 15.a3 b4 16.a4 Qxa4 17.b3 Qa6 18.Bd3*

Rb6 19.Ne4 h5 20.Qg3 Bg4 21.Rdf1 Nd8 22.Nf2 Qa5 23.Nxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Ra6 25.Kc1 Ne6 26.Kd2 Qd8 27.Bg3 Qd7 28.Rf3 Bg5+ 29.Ke2 Bh6 30.Rhf1 Rf8 31.h5 Rc6 32.Bh4 a5 33.Be4 a4 34.Bxc6 Qxc6 35.bxa4 Be3 36.Rf5 1-0 (36) Pirs,M (2538)-Leisebein,P (2418) www.remoteschach.de 2007*)* 11...Qc7 12.Qe2 0-0-0 13.h4 h6 14.g3 Kb8 15.Bh3 Qc8 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.Rhf1 Rd7 18.b3 Rhd8 19.Qd3 Bf8 20.Rf2 a6 21.Rfd2 Ka7 22.Kb2 d4 23.a3 c4 24.Qxc4 Qxc4 25.bxc4 dxc3+ 26.Kxc3 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Rxd2 28.Nxd2 Bxa3 29.Ne4 Bb4+ 30.Kb3 Kb6 31.Be3+ Kc7 32.c5 Be1 33.Bf4 Kd7 34.h5 Ke6 35.Nd6 g5 36.hxg6 fxg6 37.Bxh6 Bxg3 38.Nxb7 Kd5 39.e6 ½-½ (39) Pirs,M (2538)-Class,W (2448) www.remoteschach.de 2006;

B3) 10.h4 Rajkovic,Dusan: '!' Huber,G: 'is the more direct attacking move.'Huber,G: 'ist der direktere Angriffszug.'

B3a) 10...h6 11.g3 Qd7 12.Bg2 Rajkovic,Dusan: '!''ChessBase: 'Rajkovic, Dusan: '!''' 0-0-0 Rajkovic, Dusan: '?!''ChessBase: '⩲ 12...♗c5+' ChessBase: '⩲ 12...♗c5+ Rajkovic,Dusan: '?!''' 13.h5 Rajkovic,Dusan: '?!' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: '⩲ 13.♗e3'' Na5 *(13...Bg4 14.Qf1 Qe6 15.Bh3 Bxh3 16.Qxh3 Rd7 17.Kb1 Rhd8 18.a3 Qxh3 19.Rxh3 d4 20.c4 Re8 21.Rh2 Bd8 22.Rhd2 Bc7 23.c3 Bxe5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Re2 f6 26.cxd4 cxd4 27.Re4 d3 28.b3 Red8 29.Bxe5 Re8 30.Rd4 Rxe5 31.Rxd7 Kxd7 32.Rxd3+ Ke6 33.g4 Re4 34.Rg3 b6 35.Kc2 Ke5 36.Rd3 Rxg4 37.Rd7 g5 38.hxg6 Rxg6 39.Rxa7 f5 40.Kd3 Rg3+ 41.Kc2 f4 42.Rh7 Re3 43.b4 f3 44.c5 bxc5 45.bxc5 Kf4 46.c6 f2 47.c7 Re8 48.Rxh6 Rf8* ½-½ (48) Barreras Garcia,A (2410)-De Souza,A (2416) ICCF email 2006*)* 14.b3 *(14.Kb1* (Hodgson,Ju) Bangiev *Nc4 15.Bc1 Rhe8⇄; 14.Nd2 Rhe8 15.Kb1 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qe6 18.Rhe1 Nc6 19.Nf1 Rd7 20.Nd2 Red8 21.Nb3 b6 22.Nc1 a6 23.Nd3 c4 24.Nc1 Kb7 25.Ne2 b5 26.Nd4 Nxd4 27.cxd4 b4 28.Rf1 Rc7 29.Bc1 Rf8 30.Qf5 Qxf5 31.Rxf5 Kc6 32.Rdf1 f6 33.g4 Re8 34.c3 a5 35.Kc2 Rd7 36.Bd2 fxe5 37.Rxe5 Rf8 38.Rff5 Rxf5 39.gxf5 bxc3 40.bxc3 Kb5 41.Re6 Bh4 42.Bf4 Ka4 43.Rd6* ½-½ (43) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Noble,M (2547) ICCF 2006 *)* 14...Nc6 Rajkovic, Dusan: '?!''ChessBase: '?' '?' '?' '?' ChessBase: '⩲ 14...♘e7 Δ ...f5' ChessBase: '⩲ 14...♘e7 Δ ...f5 Rajkovic,Dusan: '?!'" 15.Qf2 *(15.Kb1!?* Hodgson,Julian M: ' ±''Ftacnik: '!?''Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,

Julian M: ' ± ' ± ' Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik: '!?' '!?'"' ' Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: ' ± ' ' ± ' Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik: '!'Hodgson,Julian M: ' ± ' ' ± ' Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik: '!'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: ' ± ' ' ± ' 'î'Ftacnik: '!?''Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: ' ± ' ' ± ' Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik: '!?' '!?'"' ' €▟' Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik: '!?' '!?"' Hodgson, Ju: ' ± ' Hodgson,Ju: 'Ftacnik: '!?' Ftacnik: 'Bangiev: ' ± ' Bangiev: 'Hodgson,Ju'"' ?' '!?"' ?' '!?"' *)* 15...Qc7 16.Kb1 *(16.Be3* 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik'"Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik' Ftacnik: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik'' Hodgson, Ju: 'Bangiev: 'Ftacnik'"' *Qa5* Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase' *17.Kb2* Rajkovic,Dusan: '!' *Rd7∞* Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase'*)* 16...Kb8 17.Nh4 Rajkovic,Dusan: '± "ChessBase: 'Rajkovic, Dusan: ' ±'" d4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Kb2 Rajkovic,Dusan: '!''ChessBase: 'Rajkovic, Dusan: '!'" Qb6 *(19...Nb5!?* ß ßa5' Δ ♕a5 Δ ♕a5 Ftacnik, Lubomir: ' Δ ♕a5 Hodgson, Julian M: '(Ftacnik) Δ ♕a5'" ß ♕a5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Δ ♕a5 Hodgson,Julian M: '(Ftacnik) Δ ♕a5'"Δ ♕a5 Hodgson,Julian M: '(Ftacnik) Δ ♕a5' Ftacnik: 'Δ ♕a5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Δ ♕a5 Hodgson,Julian M: '(Ftacnik) ß ßa5'" Δ ♕a5 Δ ♕a5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' Δ ♕a5 Hodgson,Julian M: '(Ftacnik) Δ ♕a5'" " *)* 20.Be3 Qa5 21.Bd2 *(21.Bxd4?* 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik'"Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik' Ftacnik: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson, Julian M: 'Ftacnik'' Hodgson, Ju: 'Bangiev: 'Ftacnik'"' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan'' *cxd4 22.Rxd4 Ba3+* Rajkovic, Dusan: ' ± ' *23.Kb1* Rajkovic, Dusan: ' ± ' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan'' *Qc3-+* Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: 'Rajkovic, Dusan'' *)* 21...Qa6 Rajkovic, Dusan: '?''ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: '?'" 22.Be3 Rajkovic,Dusan: ' + - !''ChessBase: '!' '!' '!' '!' ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: '+-!'" Qa5 23.Bd2 Rajkovic, Dusan: '!''ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan: '!''' Qa6 Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan'' 24.Be3 Breutigam,Martin: '½-½ (24) Adams,M (2640)-Anand,V (2720) Linares 1994' Rajkovic, Dusan: ' ⌓ ' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase: 'Rajkovic,Dusan'' Rc8!? Δ Nb5, Qa3 Ftacnik: '(Hodgson,Julian M) Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Hodgson,Julian M: ' Δ Nb5, Qa3'' (Hodgson,Julian M) Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Hodgson,Julian M: ' Δ Nb5, Qa3' Ftacnik,

Lubomir: '(Hodgson,Julian M) Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Hodgson,Julian M: ' Δ Nb5, Qa3''(Hodgson, Julian M) Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Hodgson,Julian M: ' Δ Nb5, Qa3'' Δ Nb5, Qa3 Ftacnik: '(Hodgson,Julian M) Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Hodgson,Julian M: ' Δ Nb5, Qa3''' Hodgson,Ju: 'Δ ♘b5, ♕a3 Ftacnik: 'Bangiev''' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'Ribli' 25.c3 Hodgson,Ju *(25.Bxd4? Hodgson,Ju cxd4 26.Qxd4? Rxc2+-+)* 25...Nb5 26.a4 Nxc3 27.Kxc3 c4 28.Kb2 cxb3→ ½-½ (28) Adams,M (2640)-Anand,V (2720) Linares 1994 CBM 43 [Ftacnik];

B3b) 10...Qa5 11.a3 Rb8 Breutigam,Martin: '?!' *(* Breutigam,Martin: 'The plan ... b5-b4 is good. But it would have been better to prepare it with' Breutigam,Martin: 'Der Plan ...b5-b4 ist gut. Besser wäre es aber gewesen, ihn mit' *11...h6* Breutigam,Martin: '=!' Breutigam,Martin: ' (cf. note to move 9).'Breutigam, Martin: 'vorzubereiten (vgl. Anm. zum 9. Zug).'*)* 12.Bg5 Breutigam,Martin: '?' *(* Breutigam,Martin: 'Here' Breutigam,Martin: 'Hier war' *12.Ng5* Breutigam,Martin: '!' Breutigam,Martin: 'was more accurate, e.g.'Breutigam, Martin: 'genauer, z.B.' *Bxg5 13.hxg5 b5 14.Be3* Breutigam,Martin: '!' *b4 15.Qa6 Qxa6 16.Bxa6 bxa3 17.bxa3* Breutigam,Martin: ' ±'*)* 12...b5 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 Breutigam,Martin: '?' *(* Breutigam,Martin: 'There was nothing wrong with' Breutigam,Martin: 'Nichts sprach gegen' *13...Nxe7* Breutigam,Martin: ' ∓' Breutigam,Martin: ', e.g.' Breutigam,Martin: ', z.B.' *14.Ng5 0-0 15.Qh5 h6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4 Nf5 18.Bd3 b4 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Qg6 Qb6)* 14.Qe3 b4 15.cxb4 cxb4 16.a4 Breutigam,Martin: '!' Qxa4 17.Qc5+ Kd7 18.Nd4 Rhc8 19.Bb5 Rxb5 20.Nxb5 Nxe5 Breutigam,Martin: '?' *(20...Ne7)* 21.Rxd5+ 1-0 (21) Pink,J (2674)-Elwert, H (2508) Lille 2014 My Great Predecessors 1 [Demarre,J/ Primel,D] Breutigam,Martin: '!']

9.h4 h6 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.g3

[11.Qf2 Qa5 12.Kb1 d4 13.c4 0-0-0 14.Nd2 g5 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Rxh8 Rxh8 17.Bg3 d3 18.Bxd3 Nb4 19.a3 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Rd8 21.Qe2 Qa4 22.Rc1 Qd7 23.Rc3 Bf5 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 f5 26.e6 fxe4 27.exd7+ Rxd7 28.dxe4 Rd4 29.e5 Kd7 30.Kc2 Ke6 31.b3 Re4 32.Rd3 Re2+ 33.Rd2 Re3 34.Bh2 g4 35.Bf4 Re1 36.Kd3 Rb1 37.Kc2 Re1 38.a4 Rf1 39.g3 Rf3 40.Rh2 Kf5 41.Rh7 Ke6 42.Rg7 Rf2+ 43.Kd3 Rf3+ 44.Ke4 Rxb3 45.Rxg4 Rc3 46.Rg6+ Kf7 47.Kf5 Rxc4 48.e6+ Ke8 49.Rg8+ 1-0 (49) S_Ovsejevitsch (2739)-iakov98 (2705) Blitz 2022]

[11.Kb1!? (Hodgson,Ju) Bangiev

A) 11...Qa5

A1) 12.a3 0-0-0 13.Qf2 Kb8 *(13...c4 14.Be3 Qb5 15.Kc1 b6 16.Be2 Qa4 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Kb7 19.Bh5 Rd7 20.Bf3 Bc5 21.Rf4 Qb5 22.Qe2 Ka6 23.h5 Rc8 24.Qf2 Rb7 25.Re1 Re8* ½-½ (25) Pirs,M (2538)-Krauss,H (2532) www.remoteschach.de 2007*)* 14.Be3 Rc8 *(14...Qb6 15.Be2 Na5 16.h5 Nc6 17.Rhf1 Rhf8 18.Rfe1 Rh8 19.Rd2 Qa5 20.Rh1 b6 21.Qg1 Rhe8 22.Qe1 Rg8 23.Bf2 Rd7 24.Qf1 c4 25.Be3 Qb5 26.Ka2 Rdd8 27.Qf2 Qa4 28.Nd4 Nxd4 29.Bxd4 Kb7 30.Rf1 Qd7 31.Qg3 g5 32.hxg6 Rxg6 33.Qf2 Rdg8 34.Bf3 Rg5 35.Qe2 Qc6 36.Rfd1 Rd8 37.Bf2 Rg6 38.Rd4 Kc7 39.Rh1 Bf8 40.Be3 Qb5 41.Bh5 Rg8 42.Rf4 Rg7 43.Rf6 Be7 44.Rxh6 Rdg8 45.Bf3 Kb7 46.Rh7 Qa4 47.Rxg7 Rxg7 48.Rh8 Ka6 49.Qd2 Qd7 50.Bh6 Rg6 51.Bh5 Rg3 52.Qf2 Bh4 53.Qf4 Qe7 54.Bf3 Rg6 55.Bf8 Bg3 56.Qd4 Qd7 57.Rh5 Qc6 58.Bd6 f6 59.Rh7 fxe5 60.Bxe5 Bxe5 61.Qxe5 Bg8 62.Rc7 Qd6 63.Qxd6 Rxd6 64.Rg7 Be6 65.Rg6 Rc6 66.a4 Bd7 67.Rxc6 Bxc6 68.Ka3 Kb7 69.b3 cxb3 70.cxb3 Kc7 71.c4 Be8 72.cxd5 Kd6 73.Kb4 Ke5 74.a5 Kd4 75.axb6 axb6 76.g3 Ke5 77.g4 Kf6 78.Be2 Ke5* 1-0 (78) Pirs,M (2538)-Tauscher,K (1290) www.remoteschach.de 2007 *)* 15.Be2 Rhd8 16.Bc1 d4 17.c4 b5 18.cxb5 Nb4 19.Ne1 Na2 20.Nf3 d3 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.cxd3 Qxb5 23.Nd2 Nc3+ 24.Ka1 Nxe2 25.Qxe2 Rd8 26.Ne4 Rxd3 27.Nc3 Qc4 28.Qc2 Bd8 29.Rd1 Rd4 30.Be3 Ba5 31.Re1 Rd3 32.Bd2 Rg3 33.Re4 Qd3 34.Qxd3 Rxd3 35.Re2 Bc7 36.Bf4 Bd8 37.h5 Kb7 38.Re1 Kc6 39.Kb1 Rd4 40.g3 Bf5+ 41.Kc1 Bg4 42.Rh1 c4 43.Rh2 a6 44.Rh1 Kd7 45.Kc2 Ke6 46.Na4 Bf5+ 47.Kc1 Be7 48.Rh2 Bg4 49.Nc3 Bf3 50.Nb1 a5 51.Nc3 Bg5 52.Bxg5 hxg5 53.h6 gxh6 54.Rxh6+ Kxe5 55.Ra6 Rg4 56.Rxa5+ Kf6 57.Rc5 Rxg3 58.Kd2 Bb7 59.b4 cxb3 60.Rb5 Bf3 61.Rxb3 Rg1 62.Ke3 Rf1 63.Rb4 Ke6 64.Nb1 Bc6 65.Nd2 Ra1 66.Rb6 Rxa3+ 67.Kd4 Kd7 68.Nc4 Ra4 69.Kc5 Be4 70.Kb5 Ra1 71.Kc5 Rd1 72.Ne3 Rd2 73.Rf6 Ke7 74.Rf1 Rd3 75.Re1 Ke6 76.Ng4 Kf5 77.Nf2 Rd5+ 78.Kc4 Bf3 79.Re7 f6 80.Nd3 Rd8 81.Kc3 g4 82.Re3 Kg5 83.Nc5 Kh4 0-1 (85) Pirs,M (2538)-Class,W (2448) www.remoteschach.de 2007;

A2) 12.Qb5 Qxb5 *(12...0-0 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.Rg1 Nc6 15.Bb5 c4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.g4 c5 18.Be3 a5 19.Rdf1 Rab8 20.h5 f6 21.Re1 Rf7 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Kc1 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rxf3 25.Bxc5 Kf7 26.Bd4 Rg8 27.g5 hxg5 28.Rxg5 Rf5 29.Reg1 Rxg5 30.Rxg5 Kf8 31.Kb2 Bf7 32.Ka3 Ke7*

33.Bxg7 Bxh5 34.Bf6+ Kf7 35.Rxh5 Kxf6 36.Rxd5 Ke6 37.Rxa5 Rb8 38.Rc5 Ra8+ 39.Kb2 ½-½ (39) Krawczyk,G (2410)-Eilmes,D (2349) ICCF 1997 *)* 13.Bxb5 0-0-0 *(13...a6 14.Be2 Rg8 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.a3 Kc7 17.b4 b6 18.Kb2 Kb7 19.Rhg1 Bg4 20.Rge1 Bf5 21.Rf1 Rgf8 22.Bf4 f6 23.Bh2 Bg4 24.b5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Na7 26.Be2 h5 27.Bg3 fxe5 28.Bxe5 Nc6 29.Bxg7 Rg8 30.Bh6 Bxh4 31.Nxh4 Bxe2 32.Rf7+ Ka6 33.Re1 Ne5 34.Re7 Nc4+ 35.Kb3 Bg4 36.g3 Ra8 37.Ra1 Rh8 38.Bg5 Rhe8 39.Ng2 Rxe7 40.Bxe7 Kb7 41.a4 Nd2+ 42.Kb2 Bf3 43.Nf4 Nc4+ 44.Kb3 Re8 45.Bg5 Nd6 46.Rg1 Re5 47.Nh3 Re2 48.Nf4 Rh2 49.Re1 Ne4 50.Bd8 Ka6 51.Kb2 Nd6 52.Kb3 Nb7 53.Bg5 Na5+ 54.Kb2 Nc4+ 55.Kb3 Be4 56.Re2 Rh1 57.Ka2 Ka5 58.Nd3 Kxa4 59.Nb2+ Kb5 60.Nxc4 Kxc4 61.Bf6 Rf1 62.Be5 Bf5 63.Kb2 Rf3 64.Rh2 Bg6 65.Re2 Be4 66.Kc1 b5 67.Kb2 Bg6 68.Rh2 Re3 69.Rh4+ Be4 70.Rh2 Rf3 71.Re2 Bf5 72.Rh2 Bg6 73.Rh4+ Be4 74.Rf4 Re3 75.Rf2 Re1 76.Bf4 Rd1 77.Rh2* ½-½ (77) Pirs,M (2538)-Leisebein,P (2418) www.remoteschach.de 2007 *)* 14.b3

A2a) 14...Kc7 15.Be2 Kb6 *(15...Rd7 16.Kb2 a6 17.g4 b5 18.g5 h5* ½-½ (18) Bauer,A (2427)-Petzold,G (1973) www.remoteschach.de 2008*)* 16.Kb2 Bg4 17.Rde1 a6 18.h5 Rhe8 19.a3 Bd7 20.Rhg1 Bg4 21.Rh1 Be6 22.Rhg1 Rg8 23.Bd2 a5 ½-½ (23) Bauer,A (2427)-Leisebein,P (2418) www.remoteschach.de 2007;

A2b) 14...a6 15.Be2 b5 16.Kb2 Kb7 17.a3 Rhg8 18.Be3 Rge8 19.Rhf1 Rd7 20.Rd2 Red8 21.Rfd1 ½-½ (21) Pirs,M (2538)-Diele,R (2124) www.remoteschach.de 2007;

A3) 12.g3 Δ♗h3;

B) 11...Qb6 12.g3 Δ♗h3;

C) 11...0-0 → 9...0-0;

D) 11...Qd7 12.h5 0-0-0 13.Qf2 Qc7 14.g3 Qa5 15.Bh3]

11...Qd7

[11...Qa5 Rajkovic,Dusan: 'Hebden,M-Granda Zuniga/Ls Palmas/1989/' 12.Kb1 Rajkovic,Dusan: '!' Rajkovic,Dusan: 'ChessBase'Ftacnik: 'Δ♗h3' 0-0-0 Rajkovic,Dusan: 'Δ ♗e3' *(12...d4 13.c4 b5 14.Nd2 Qa4 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Kd7 19.h5 Rb8 20.Kc1 a5 21.Rdf1 Rb4 22.Bxe6+ Kxe6 23.Nc4 Ra8 24.Kd2 a4 25.Ra1 Ra7 26.Kd3 axb3 27.Rxa7 Nxa7 28.Ra1 Nc6 29.Ra6 Kd5 30.Nb6+ Ke6 31.Nc8 c4+ 32.Ke4 c3 33.Rxc6+ Kd7 34.e6+ fxe6 35.Rc7+ Kd8 36.Nxe7 d3+ 37.Kxd3 cxb2 38.Nc6+ Ke8 39.Rc8+ Kd7 40.Rc7+* ½-½ (40) Evans,D (2426)-Baiocchi,G (2474) ICCF Email 2003*)* 13.Bh3

A) 13...b5 14.Bxe6+ fxe6 15.Qd3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik: 'Hodgson,Ju: 'Bangiev: ' ↑!?' Bangiev: 'ßßg6"" Rhe8

A1) 16.Rhf1 (Hodgson,Ju) Bangiev Qb6 *(16...g5? 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Nxg5 Nxe5 19.Qe3±)* 17.Bc1

A1a) 17...b4 18.c4 Qa6 19.Qg6 Bf8 *(19...Qxc4 20.Qxe6+ Kb7 21.Qg6±)* 20.cxd5;

A1b) 17...Na5 18.h5 Nc4 19.Qg6 Bf8 20.g4 b4 21.Rd3;

A2) 16.Qg6 Bf8 17.Rhf1 Qb6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik: 'Hodgson,Ju: 'Bangiev: ' ±' Bangiev: 'Sorensen,J-Slettebo,J/Copenhagen op (06)/1991/0-1 (24)"" 18.g4 Kb8 19.h5 Ka8 20.Nh4 Rb8 21.Qd3 c4 22.Qd2 b4 23.Ng6 bxc3 24.Qxc3 Sorensen,J-Slettebo,J/Copenhagen op (06)/1991/0-1 (24);

B) 13...d4 14.Bxe6+ fxe6 15.Qc4 Rd5 16.cxd4 Rhd8 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.dxc5 Nd4 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.Qxe6+ Kb8 21.Kc1 Qxc5 1-0 (21) Rivuza (2764)-ma_long_ma (2658) Blitz 2021]

12.Bg2 0-0-0

[12...Bg4 13.Qf1 0-0 14.Bh3 Rfd8 15.Kb1 a5 16.Rd2 a4 17.Bxg4 Qxg4 18.a3 Na5 19.Rdh2 Ra6 20.Ng5 Nc4 21.Qd3 Kf8 22.e6 fxe6 23.Bc7 hxg5 24.hxg5 Ke8 25.Qg6+ Kd7 26.Bxd8 Kxd8 27.Rh7 Qxg5 28.Qxg5 Bxg5 29.Rxg7 Kc8 30.Rxg5 Rb6 31.Rg7 Kb8 32.Ka1 Rxb2 33.Rh2 Rb6 34.g4 Ka7 35.g5 e5 36.g6 e4 37.Rg2 Ne3 38.Rg1 d4 39.cxd4 Nxc2+ 40.Ka2 Nxd4 41.Rf7 Ne2 42.g7 Nxg1 43.g8Q Ne2 44.Rf1 Rb3 45.Qc4 Nc3+ 46.Ka1 b6 47.Rc1 Rxa3+ 48.Kb2 Nb5 49.Qxb5 Rb3+ 50.Qxb3 axb3 51.Kxb3 Kb7 52.Re1 Kc6 53.Rxe4 Kd5 54.Re8 b5 55.Rb8 Kc6 56.Kc3 1-0 (56) Alonso Gonzalez,C (2439)-Jimena Bonillo,S (2006) ICCF 2014]

13.Kb1

[13.Qf1!? 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik'"Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik' Ftacnik: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hodgson,Julian M: 'Ftacnik" Hodgson,Ju: 'Bangiev: 'Ftacnik"" Rhe8 14.Bh3∞ Bxh3 15.Qxh3 Qxh3 16.Rxh3 f6 17.exf6 ½-½ (17) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Piccoli,F (2678) ICCF 2008]

13...Kb8

[13...Bf5 14.a3 Qe6 15.Qf2 b6 16.Bf1 Kb7 17.Qe2 Rhg8 18.Qa6+ Ka8 19.h5 Nb8 20.Qa4 Kb7 21.c4 Be4 22.cxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Qe4 Rgd8 25.c4 f5 26.Nd4 cxd4 27.Qg2 Nc6 28.cxd5 Qxd5 29.Qxd5 Rxd5 30.Bg2 Rc5 31.Rd1 Kc7 32.e6+ Bd6 33.b4 Rc3 34.b5 Ne7 35.Rxd4 Bxf4 36.gxf4 Kc8 37.Kb2 Re3 38.Bb7+ Kxb7 39.Rd7+ Kb8 40.Rxe7 Re4 41.Rxg7 Rxe6 42.Rg6 Re4 43.Rxh6 Rxf4 44.Rh8+ Kb7 45.h6 Rh4 46.h7 Rh3 47.Kc2 f4 0-1 (47) Chripko,L (2576)-Braziulis,V (2333) ICCF email 2009]

14.Rd2 Ka8 15.Rhd1 Qc8 16.Nh2 g5 17.Be3 d4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 cxd4 21.Nf3 gxh4 22.gxh4 Rd8 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Nxd4 Bxh4 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Qh5 Bg3 27.a4 a6 28.a5 Be1 29.c3 Bd2 30.Qf7 Be1 31.Bh3 Bg3 32.Bxe6 Qb8 33.Bd5 Bxe5 34.c4 Qc7 35.Qe8+ Ka7 36.b4 Bc3 37.Qe3+ 1-0 (37) The_appleboy (2820)-Chess_diviner (2729) Blitz 2022

6.Bd3 Bf5
[6...Nc5 7.Bb5+ c6 8.d4 cxb5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qxd5 Qb6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.Qxd6 Qxd6 14.exd6 0-0 15.Bf4 f6 16.h4 Bg4 17.Kf2 Bxf3 18.Kxf3 Nd7 19.Rhe1 Rfe8 20.Rad1 Kf7 21.c3 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Re8 23.Rd1 a6 24.Rd4 Ke6 25.a4 bxa4 26.Rxa4 Ne5+ 27.Bxe5 fxe5 28.Rb4 b5 29.c4 bxc4 30.Rb6 Rd8 31.Rxa6 Rxd6 32.Ra7 Rd3+ 33.Ke4 Rd4+ 34.Ke3 Rg4 35.Ra6+ Kf5 36.Rc6 0-1 (36) hungzhao (2709)-Prayer791 (2585) Blitz 2024]
7.Qe2 Nxc3 8.dxc3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.e6 fxe6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Qd6 14.Qxg7 0-0-0 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Rae1 Bd6 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.Bxd6 Kxd6 19.Rf6 Rde8 20.Rh6 Re7 21.g4 Rg8 22.h3 Rg5 23.d4 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rg6 25.Rxg6 hxg6 26.Kg2 g5 27.Re5 Rg7 28.Kg3 Ke7 29.h4 gxh4+ 30.Kxh4 Kf6 31.g5+ Ke7 32.Re2 Rf7 33.Kh5 Rf4 34.Rd2 Kf7 35.Rc2 Rxd4 36.Rc7+ Ke8 37.g6 Rd1 38.Kg5 Rg1+ 39.Kf6 d4 40.g7 d3 41.Kxe6 Rg6+ 42.Kf5 Rg1 43.Kf6 Rf1+ 44.Ke6 Re1+ 45.Kd5 Rg1 46.Ke6 Re1+ 47.Kd6 Rg1 48.Re7+ Kd8 49.Rf7 Ke8 50.Rf8# 1-0 (50) Jamorris94 (2738)-skylover (2552) Blitz 2024

6.Be2 0-0
[6...Bh4+ 7.g3 Be7]
7.0-0 c5 8.d4 Nc6 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.c4 Qd8 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Bd3 Nc5 14.b4 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Bxb4 16.Rb1 Bc5 17.Qg3 Re8 18.Bh6 Bf8 19.Rxf7 g6 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.e6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Qe7 24.Qe5 Rd8 25.Rf1 Qg7 26.e7 Re8 27.Qe6+ 1-0 (27) thereads (2706)-Liverpool_the_best (2592) Blitz 2023

6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Bh4+ 8.g3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d4 c5 11.Be3 Be6 12.dxc5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Nd4 Nd7 15.Nb5 Qxe5 16.Bf4 Qe4 17.c6 bxc6 18.Nd4 Bc5 19.Rf2 Ne5 20.Bh5 Nc4 21.Bf3 Qg6 22.Bh5 Nb2 23.Bxg6 Nxd1 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25.Rxd1 Rfe8 26.Kg2 Bd7 27.a4 Re4 28.a5 Kg6 29.h3 f6 30.Rb1 Rae8 31.Rb7 R8e7 32.g4 a6 33.Rc7 Kf7 34.Rb7 Re1 35.Rd2 Be8 36.Rb8 R7e4 37.Bg3 Ra1 38.Nf5 g6 39.Nd6+ Bxd6 40.Bxd6 g5 ½-½ (40) Mathe,I (2414)-Ruiz Vidal, P (2319) ICCF server 2007

[77] **6...Bg4** 7.Bd3 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe1 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Ne6 Rf7 15.Bg5 Nbd7 16.Nxc7 Qxe1 17.Raxe1 Rc8 18.Nb5 h6 19.Nd6 Rxc3 20.Nxf7 Bxf7 21.Bd2 Ra3 22.Re7 Rxa2 23.Bb4 Rb2 24.Ba3 Rb6 25.Bf5 Nf8 26.Bc5 Rb2 27.Bxa7 Ng6 28.Rc7 Nh4 29.Bd3 Bg6 30.Bxg6 Nxg6 31.Kh2 Rxc2 32.Rxc2 1-0 (32) Cshuki (2896)-Rumple_DarkOne (2693) Blitz 2021

6...c5 7.Bd3 Nxc3
[7...Nc6 8.0-0 Bf5 9.Be3 0-0 10.dxc5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxd3 *(11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Bxg5 15.Qxh5+ Kg8 16.Bxg5 Qa5 17.Bf6 Qxc5+ 18.Kh1 Qe3 19.Rf3 Qh6 20.Qxh6 gxh6 21.Rg3+ Kh7 22.Rg7+ Kh8 23.Rf1 Rae8 24.Rf5 Nxe5 25.Rh5* 1-0 (25) grizzlybear79 (2719)-Pon4ik2006 (2638) Blitz 2020*)* 12.cxd3 Qa5 13.Qb3 Bxc5 14.d4 Be7 15.Qxb7 Rfc8 16.Bg5 Rab8 17.Qd7 Rc7 18.Qh3 Qxc3 19.Rac1 Qa3 20.Qh5 Rbc8 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Ng5 h6 23.Nxf7 Nxd4 24.Rxc7

Rxc7 25.Qg6 Ne6 26.Nxh6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.h4 Qxh4 29.Qxe6 Qd4+ 30.Kh2 Qh4+ 31.Qh3 Qxh3+ 32.Kxh3 Rxf7 33.Rd1 Rd7 34.Kg4 Kf7 35.Kf5 g6+ 36.Kg5 d4 37.Re1 Ke6 38.Kxg6 d3 39.g4 d2 40.Rd1 Kxe5 41.g5 Ke4 42.Kf6 Kd3 43.g6 Kc2 44.g7 Rd8 45.Rg1 d1Q 46.Rxd1 Kxd1 47.Kf7 Kc2 48.g8Q Rxg8 49.Kxg8 Kb2 50.Kf7 Kxa2 51.Ke6 Kb2 52.Kd5 a5 53.Kc4 a4 54.Kb4 a3 55.Kc5 a2 56.Kd6 a1Q 57.Kd7 Qa2 58.Ke7 Qb3 59.Kf6 Qc3+ 60.Ke6 Qd4 61.Kf5 Kc3 62.Kg5 Kc4 63.Kf5 Kd5 64.Kg6 Qe4+ 65.Kf7 Qe5 66.Kg6 Qd6+ 67.Kf7 Kd4 68.Kg7 Ke5 69.Kf7 Kf5 70.Kg8 Qd7 0-1 (70) Polyclinical (2759)-beatles_21 (2644) Blitz 2020]

8.bxc3 c4 9.Be2 Be6 10.0-0 h6 11.Qe1 Nc6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Qg3 0-0-0 14.Nh4 g5 15.Nf5 Kb8 16.Nxe7 Nxe7 17.a4 Nf5 18.Qf2 Rdg8 19.Bc1 g4 20.Qf4 h5 21.Ba3 Qd8 22.a5 Qg5 23.Qxg5 Rxg5 24.Rf4 Ne3 25.Ra2 g3 26.h3 Bf5 27.Bc1 Nxc2 28.Rxf5 Rxf5 29.Rxc2 Re8 30.Bf3 Rd8 31.Kf1 Kc7 32.Rb2 Kc6 33.Ke2 f6 34.exf6 Rxf6 35.Bg5 Re8+ 36.Kd1 Rfe6 37.Bxh5 Re1+ 38.Kd2 Rf1 39.Bxe8+ 1-0 (39) yoseph2013 (2767)-GMshooter96 (2611) Blitz 2024

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13...Bxh2+

[13...h6 14.Qxe5 Bangiev: '±']

14.Qxh2 Bf5 Bangiev: '?!'

[14...g6 15.Qxc7 Nc6 16.Bg5 Bangiev: '→']

15.Ba3 Bangiev: '!' 15...Qxa3 16.Bxf5 h6

[16...g6 17.Be6+ Bangiev: '+-']

17.Qxc7 Bangiev: ' ±' 17...Na6 18.Qxb7 Rd8 19.Qc6 Qd6 20.Qxd6 Rxd6 21.Rb1 Nc7 22.Rb7 Rc6 23.Rxa7 Rxc3 24.a4 Kf8 25.a5

[25.Rb7 Bangiev: '⌓']

25...Ke7

[25...Nb5 Bangiev: '⌓']

26.Rb7 Kd6 27.Bd3

[27.Rb6+ Bangiev: ' ⌓' Ke7 28.a6 Ra3 29.Bd3]

27...Ra3 28.Rb6+ Kd7 29.a6 Ra4 30.Rg6 Kd8 31.Kf2 Rxd4 32.Rxg7 Bangiev: '+-' 32...Ra4 33.Rg6 h5 34.Kg3 Ke7 35.Rh6 d4 36.Rxh5 Nxa6 37.Rh7+ Kd8 38.Ra7 Nc5 39.Rxa4 Nxa4 40.Kf4 1-0 (40) Benitez,F (2510)-Stourbridge (2445) corr 1996 Rybka 4 [Siaperas]

6...Bf5 7.Bd3 c6 8.0-0 Bg6 9.Ne2 Nd7 10.Nf4 Nf8?! 11.Qe2

[11.c4!? Qd7 12.cxd5 cxd5±]

11...Ng5?! 12.Nxg6 hxg6

[12...Nxg6 13.Nxg5 Bxg5 14.e6!?↑]

13.Nxg5 Bxg5 14.Qf3 f5□ 15.Bxf5!?

[15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Re1+ Kf7 17.c3±]

15...gxf5 16.Qxf5 Be7□ 17.Bg5 g6 18.Qf7+ Kd7 19.Rf6!? Rh7 20.Rd6+ Kc7 21.Rxd8 Rxf7 22.Rxa8 Bxg5 23.c3?!

[23.Re1±]

23...Be3+ 24.Kh1 Rf2⇄ 25.Rb1 Ne6 26.Rg8 g5 27.Rg6 Kd7 28.Rf6 Ke7?!

[⌓28...Re2⇄]

29.Rxf2 Bxf2 30.Rf1± Be3 31.g3?!

[31.Re1 Bd2 32.Rd1 Be3 33.g3]

31...b6?!

[31...c5!⇄]

32.Re1 Bd2 33.Rd1 Be3 34.h3!? g4!? 35.hxg4 Ng5 36.Kg2 Ke6 37.Re1 Bd2 38.Re2

[38.Rf1 Ne4 39.Kf3 Bg5 40.Re1 c5

41.Ke2 Nxg3+ 42.Kd1±]
38...Bc1 39.Kf1?!
[⌓39.Rf2 Ne4 40.Rc2 Bg5 41.Kf1 Nxg3+ 42.Ke1±]
39...c5 40.Ke1?! Ne4?!
[40...cxd4!∓]
41.Kd1 Bg5 42.Kc2 cxd4 43.cxd4 Nxg3 44.Rf2 Ne4 45.Rf8± Be3 46.Kd3 Bc1 47.b3 b5 48.Re8+ Kd7 49.Ra8 b4 50.Rxa7+ Ke6 51.Ra6+ Ke7 52.Rb6 Bd2 53.g5+- 1-0 (53) Bangiev,A (2405)-Schwekendiek,U Hannover 1996 KG [Bangiev]

[78] **7...c5** 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Bxe4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qc7 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Qd3 Rd8 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qxg6 Bf8 17.Ng5 Qg7 18.Nf7+ Kg8 19.Qxg7+ Bxg7 20.Nxd8 Nxd8 21.0-0-0 Nc6 22.Rhe1 Be6 23.a3 Kf7 24.g3 Rh8 25.h4 Rh5 26.Rd3 Bxe5 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Rde3 Kf6 29.b3 Bd5 30.Kb2 a6 31.c4 Bc6 32.Kc3 Rf5 33.a4 a5 34.Rd1 Nd7 35.Rd6+ Kf7 36.g4 Rf4 37.Rd4 Rf1 38.g5 Nc5 39.h5 Rf5 40.Rg4 Kg7 41.Re7+ Kf8 42.Re3 Kg7 43.h6+ Kg6 44.Kd4 b6 45.Rh3 Ne6+ 46.Kc3 Nf8 47.h7 Nxh7 48.Rh6+ Kg7 49.Rxc6 Nxg5 50.Rxb6 Kf7 51.Rb5 Rf3+ 52.Kb2 Ne6 53.Rd5 Rf2+ 54.Ka3 Rf3 55.Rg2 Ke7 56.Rgd2 Kf6 57.Rd6 Ke5 58.R6d5+ Kf6 59.R2d3 Rf2 60.Rd6 Ke7 61.R6d5 Nf4 62.b4 axb4+ 63.Kxb4 Nxd3+ 64.Rxd3 Ke6 65.a5 Rb2+ 66.Rb3 Rd2 67.Ra3 Rd7 68.a6 Rd3 69.Kc5 Rxa3 70.Kb5 Rxa6 71.Kxa6 Kd6 72.Kb5 Kc7 73.c5 Kb8 74.Kb6 Kc8
[74...Ka8 75.Kc7 Ka7 76.c6 Ka6 77.Kd7 Kb5 78.c7 Kb6 79.c8Q Kb5 80.Qc6+ Kb4 81.Kd6 Kb3 82.Kd5 Kb2 83.Qc4 Kb1 84.Kd4 Kb2 85.Qc3+ Ka2 86.Qb4 Ka1 87.Kc3 Ka2 88.Qb2# 1-0 (71) N-Chadaev (2724)-ChickaChick (2564) Blitz 2023]
75.Kc6 Kb8 76.Kd7 Ka8 77.c6 Ka7 78.c7 Ka8 79.c8Q+ Ka7 80.Kd6 Kb6 81.Qc7+ Kb5 82.Kd5 Kb4 83.Qb7+ 1-0 (83) Hanskai (2783)-sotirakis (2555) Blitz 2024

7...f5 Huber,G: '!'Huber,G: 'By far the most common and successful treatment, black follows a well-established plan of neutralzing white's space advantage and steering towards a drawish position. This plan is the main reason for the loss in popularity of 6.d4.' Huber,G: 'Das bei weitem häufigste und erfolgreichste Vorgehen, Schwarz folgt einem gut bekannten Plan, den weißen Raumvorteil zu neutralisieren und die Partie in eine Remisstellung zu steuern. Dieser Plan ist der Hauptgrund für die schwindende Popularität von 6.d4.'
8.exf6
[8.Ne2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.h4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 f4 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxf4 Nxd4 17.g3 Nxe2 18.Qxe2 Qd5 19.Kg2 e3+ 20.Kh3 Bd2 21.Bxe3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Rf3 23.Qg5 Raf8 24.Rhd1 Qc6 25.Rac1 Qe6+ 26.Qg4 Qxg4+ 27.Kxg4 Rf2 28.b3 Rxa2 29.Ra1 Ra6 30.Rxa6 bxa6 31.Rd5 Rb8 32.e6 Kf8 33.Kf5 Rxb3 34.Rd8+ Ke7 35.Rd7+ Kf8 36.Rxa7 Rb5+ 37.Ke4 a5 38.Rf7+ Ke8 39.Ra7 g6 40.Rxh7 a4 41.Rh8+ Ke7 42.Ra8 Rb4+ 43.Kd5 Rb5+ 44.Kc6 Rb3 45.Ra7+ Kxe6 46.Rxa4 Rxg3 47.Rf4 Ke5 48.Rc4 Rc3 49.Rc5+ Rxc5+ 50.Kxc5 Kf4 51.h5

gxh5 52.Kd4 h4 53.Kd3 h3 54.Ke2 h2 55.Kf1 h1Q+ 56.Kf2 Qh3 57.Ke2 Qh2+ 58.Kd3 Qh3+ 59.Kc2 Qh2+ 60.Kc3 Qg3+ 61.Kc4 Qg2 62.Kc5 Qf2+ 63.Kc6 Qf3+ 64.Kb5 Qe3 65.Ka6 Qe2+ 66.Ka5 Qe1+ 67.Ka6 ½-½ (67) Chess-Network (2738)-DiaryTraining (2770) Blitz 2023]

[8.Qe2 Be6 9.0-0 c5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.c4 Bf7 12.d5 Bh5 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Bg6 15.Qg4 Bf5 16.Qg3 Qe8 17.Re1 Na6 18.a3 Qf7 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Rae8 21.Rad1 h6 22.Qg3 Qc7 23.Nh4 Nb8 24.e6 Qxg3 25.hxg3 Bg4 26.Nf3 Rf6 27.Rd3 Bf5 28.Rde3 Rc8 29.Nd2 Kf8 30.g4 Bg6 31.Nf3 Ke7 32.g5 hxg5 33.Ne5 Rh8 34.Rg3 Be8 35.Rxg5 Rh7 36.Nd3 b6 37.Nf2 Rfh6 38.Re3 g6 39.Ne4 Rh1+ 40.Kf2 Rd1 41.Kg3 Rd4 42.b3 a5 43.Kf4 Rh1 44.Ke5 Rf1 45.a4 Na6 46.d6+ Kf8 47.Rf3+ Rxf3 48.gxf3 Rd3 49.d7 Bxd7 50.exd7 Kf7 51.Nd6+ Ke7 52.Nc8+ Kxd7 53.Nxb6+ Ke8 54.Rxg6 Rxb3 55.Nd5 1-0 (55) Stiefel,R (2525)-Hoffmann,H (2405) ICCF 1998]

8...Bxf6 The most straightforward reply to the system selected by White. Huber,G: 'Almost universal, and much better than the passive 8...♘xf6?! which gives white some prospects for a kingside initiative. Black keeps e4 temporarily safe due to the potential e-file pin, and then counterattacks d4 to keep the balance.' Huber,G: 'Wird fast immer gespielt und ist sehr viel besser als das passive 8...♘xf6?!, was dem Weißen gewisse Chancen auf Initiative am Königsflügel gibt. Schwarz sichert e4 momentan durch die potenzielle Fesselung auf der e-Linie und startet dann einen Gegenangriff gegen d4, um das Gleichgewicht zu halten.'

[8...Nxf6 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die Hauptvariante.'Die Hauptvariante. 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die Hauptvariante.' The main variation. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'The main variation.'' Die Hauptvariante. 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die Hauptvariante.'Die Hauptvariante. 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die Hauptvariante.' The main variation. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'The main variation.'' Die Hauptvariante. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'Die Hauptvariante.''' ' '' Bangiev, Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'Die Hauptvariante.''' ' 'Die Hauptvariante. 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die Hauptvariante.' The main variation. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'The main variation.'' Die Hauptvariante. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'Die Hauptvariante.''' ' '''The main variation. Bangiev,Alexander J: '''The main variation. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'The main variation.''' ' Bangiev: 'The main variation.''' 'Die Hauptvariante. Bangiev,Alexander J: '''Die Hauptvariante. Bangiev, Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'Die Hauptvariante.''' ' Bangiev: 'Die Hauptvariante.''' 9.0-0 Huber,G: 'and white has a microscopic edge.' Huber,G: 'und Weiß hat mikroskopischen Vorteil.' Nc6 *(9...c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5+ 11.Kh1 Nc6 12.Bg5 Bg4 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxd5 Qxb2 15.Rb1 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Qxa2 17.Rh3 h6 18.Rxb7 Qxd5 19.Qg4 Ne7 20.Rg3 Qe5 21.h4 Qe1+ 22.Kh2*

Qg1+ 0-1 (22) GABUZYAN_CHESSMOOD (2722)-Sergeiaza (2723) Blitz 2020*)* 10.Bg5 Bg4 11.Qe1 h6 *(11...Bxf3* Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ∞' *12.Rxf3 Nxd4 13.Rh3 h6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '± *14.Bxh6)* 12.Be3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '± *(12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.Qg3 Bd6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± *14.Ne5 Nxd4* Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± *15.h3 Qe7)* 12...Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!?' Ng4 14.Rxf8+ Bxf8 15.Qg3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=']

[8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxf6 10.0-0 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± !' Nc6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ∞' *(10...c5 11.Ne5 Bxe5* Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ∞' *12.Rxf8+ Qxf8 13.Qh5)* 11.Qe1 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ±!' Bg4 12.Rb1 *(12.Qg3* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=' *Bxf3* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!?' *13.Rxf3 Nxd4)* 12...b6 13.Qg3]

9.0-0

[9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Re8 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '±']

9...Nc6 Huber,G: 'and black has already equalized, scoring slightly above 50% from this position. White's remaining attempts can be parried with accurate play by black.' Huber,G: 'und Schwarz hat bereits Ausgleich; in dieser Stellung macht er etwas mehr als 50% der Punkte. Gewinnversuche des Weißen kann Schwarz mit genauem Spiel parieren.'

[9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nc6 11.Qe1]

10.Nxe4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'White has slightly more space, but the symmetrical pawns structure promises fair chances for the quality.'

[10.Ne2 Nb4 *(10...Bf5 11.c3* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' *Qd7 12.Nf4)* 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.c3 Nc6 Huber,G: '='Huber,G: 'is nothing for white.'Huber,G: 'gibt Weiß nichts.']

10...dxe4 11.Bxe4 Nxd4 12.Ng5! Huber,G: 'is slightly more ambitious by targetting h7, but black has a good response.'Huber,G: 'mit Angriff auf h7 ist etwas ehrgeiziger, aber Schwarz verfügt über eine gute Antwort.'

[12.c3 Huber,G: 'White's best, agreeing to an equal ending.' Huber,G: 'Die beste Möglichkeit für Weiß, der sich mit einem ausgeglichenen Endspiel einverstanden erklärt.' Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 c6 15.Be3 *(15.Re1 Bf5 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.g4 Bg6 18.Rad1 h6 19.a3 a6 20.Bb6 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Re8 22.Kf2 Bh4+ 23.Kf1 Bc2 24.Rd7 Re7 25.Rd2 Be4 26.Kg2 Bg5 27.Rd8+ Kf7 28.a4 Bxf3+ 29.Kxf3 Ke6 30.Rf8 Rd7 31.Bd4 Be7 32.Re8 Kf7 33.Rc8 Bf6 34.Be3 Ke6 35.Ke4 Re7 36.Kd3 Rd7+ 37.Kc4 Rd8 38.Rxd8 Bxd8 39.Kc5 Kd7 40.b4 b6+* ½-½ (40) Richter,W (2443)-Flores C,R (2060) www.remoteschach.de 2009*)* 15...Be6 Huber,G: ' = 'Huber,G: 'with an impressively symmetrical and equal position. 'Huber,G: 'mit einer eindrucksvoll symmetrischen und ausgeglichenen Stellung.' 16.Bd4 ½-½ (16) Stiefel,R (2525)-Fademrecht,W (2485) ICCF 1998]

12...Bf5 Huber,G: '!'Huber,G: 'Solving all black's problems with massive exchanges.'Huber,G: 'Solving all black's problems with massive exchanges.'

[12...Bxg5 Huber,G: '?'Huber,G: 'allows white to win the two bishops in an effective position for them.' Huber,G: 'gestattet Weiß den Vorteil des Läuferpaars in einer Stellung, die den Läufern Raum gibt.' 13.Rxf8+ Qxf8 *(13...Kxf8 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Qxd4* Huber,G: ' ±'Huber,G: 'and black's king is under fire.'Huber,G: 'und der schwarze König steht unter Beschuss.' *)* 14.Bxg5 Huber,G: '±']

13.Bxf5

[13.c3 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Qxd4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 Qb5 Huber,G: 'and if anyone is better it's black' Huber,G: 'und wenn jemand besser steht, dann ist es Schwarz.']

13...Nxf5 14.Ne6

[14.Qxd8 Raxd8 15.Ne6 Bd4+ 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 Huber,G: '=' 17.Bg5 Rxf1+ *(17...Rd5)* 18.Rxf1 Rd5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-']

14...Qxd1 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Arsovic did not realize the danger of giving up the light squared bishop, now Ivanisevic will gradually open up the position.'

15.Rxd1± In this position Black should work a while to complete his development. 15...Rfe8

[15...Rf7 16.Bf4]

16.Nxc7 Rad8! 17.Bf4

[17.Nxe8 Rxd1+ 18.Kf2 Bg5]

[17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Bf4 Bxb2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-']

17...Re2 18.Rxd8+ Bxd8 19.Rd1

[19.Nd5 g5+- *(19...Rxc2* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' *20.Rc1; 19...Nh4)*]

19...Bf6

[19...Bxc7 20.Bxc7= - fortress Rxc2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' 21.Be5!]

20.Rd2?! Re4 21.Nd5 Bxb2?! 22.Rd3!? Ra4?? A suicidal "self-pin". 23.g4

[23.Rb3 Rxa2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '±' 24.Rxb7 Bd4+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '±' 25.Kf1 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Rxc2]

23...Nd4 24.Re3 Black is now completely paralysed. 24...Nc6

[24...Rxa2 25.Re8+ Kf7 26.Re7+]

25.Rb3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'It becomes obvious that white has every right to play for win, the defender has no active prospects.' 25...Bd4+ 26.Kg2?!

[26.Be3

A) 26...b6 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 *(27...Nxd4 28.Rb4)* 28.Ne3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' Ra4;

B) 26...Na5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=' 27.Rd3 Be5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-';

C) 26...Rxa2 27.Rxb7 Rxc2?! 28.Rc7!]

26...b6□ Black now creates a passed pawn; alas, this counterplay proves insufficient. 27.a3! Bc5 28.Bc1 Rxg4+ 29.Rg3 Rxg3+? Losing at once but Black can hardly survive after 30.hxg3 Nd4□ , e.g. 31.c4!? Even better than Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!'

[31.c3± White keeps a strong attack and should win. Nb3 32.Bb2 Kf7?]

31...Nb3 32.Bf4 Na5 33.a4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Spirited tactical shot in a critical position, suddenly black will be tested to the limits.' 33...Nxc4 34.Bb8 a5 35.Bc7⊙ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'It is a shame, that white has missed the logical winning shot 35.♗a4! It would have been esthetically very nice to have played both ♗a3 and ♗a4 with unprotected bishops.' 35...Kf7 36.Kf3 Ke6 37.Nc3 Bd6 38.Bd8 Kd7 39.Bg5 Kc6+- ⌓40.Bc1 Be5

Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The 40th move is a curse of many a chess game, black plays a serious mistake before the time control.' 41.Nb5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' 41...Kc5 42.g4 1-0 (42) Mamedyarov,S (2756)-Jobava,B (2710) Plovdiv 2010 CBM 139 [Krasenkow,Michal]

7...Bf5 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3

7...Bb4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Rb1

[79] **8...f6** 9.0-0 c5 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.h3 [11.Rb1 c4 12.Be2 Qa5 13.Qd2 b6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bd6 Rd8 16.Qe3 Bg4 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Qxc3 20.Rbd1 d4 21.Kh1 Rac8 22.Qe4 Re8 23.h3 b5 24.Rf3 d3 25.Rdf1 h6 26.Rg3 Nxe5 27.Qb7 Nc6 28.Rf7 g5 29.Qd7 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 dxc2 31.Qf5 1-0 (31) Noble,M (2547)-Van Gool,J (1912) ICCF 2006] 11...c4 12.Be2 Bf5 13.Qd2 Be4 14.Rae1 b5 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Qd6 18.Bg4 Qg6 19.Bf4 Rf6 20.Bh2 Raf8 21.Rxf6 Rxf6 22.Bd7 h6 23.a3 Qf7 24.Bg4 h5 25.Bd1 Qg6 26.Rf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Qf5+ 28.Qf4 Bxc2 29.Qxf5 Bxf5 30.Bxh5 Be4 31.Be8 Ne7 32.Bxb5 Nf5 33.Bf4 Nh4 34.g3 Nf3 35.h4 Bc2 36.Ke2 Nh2 37.Bc6 Be4 38.Bb8 a6 39.Bb7 Bd3+ 40.Ke3 Be4 41.Bxa6 Nf1+ 42.Kf2 Nd2 43.Bb5 Nb1 44.a4 Nxc3 45.Bc6 Bf5 46.Ke3 Be6 47.a5 Bc8 48.Kd2 Ne4+ 49.Kc2 Nf6 50.Be5 1-0 (50) promacherrr (2701)-WHAFLC-Aca (2663) Blitz 2023

9.h4

[9.0-0

A) 9...Nc6 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Bxg5 Activating the queen rather than obscuring her view of the centre with the immediate 12.Qh5+ White's bishop pair don't add up to much after Bh6 13.Rf6 Kg8 Of course not *(13...Ne7 14.Bxh6* The winning breakthrough. *Qe8 15.Bxg7+* White spared himself the gruesome task of defending a pawn down with a weak king after *Kxg7 16.Qh6+ Kg8)* 14.Bxh6 gxf6 *(14...Ne7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7)* 15.Rf1 Ne7 *(15...f5 16.Bg5 Re8)* 16.exf6 *(16.Bg7!* A tactical blow to round off some inspired manoeuvres with the knight. *Kxg7?* Surrendering the dark squares. White could still put up a tough resistance with *17.exf6+ Kg8 18.Qh6 Nf5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Rxf5* Black has a huge advantage due to his powerful bishop, mobile centre pawns and the holes in White's kingside structure. In contrast White's queenside pawn majority is irrelevant and his bishop attacks nothing. *Qxf6 21.Qxf6+ Kg8 22.Rg5+* Shmeliov decides to pile up against the f2 pawn. Alternatively he could attack down the g-file after *Kh7 23.Qg7#)* 16...Ng6 Black has nothing to fear with a solid centre and every piece activated. *(16...Bg4* The position is about equal after *17.Qxg4+ Ng6?* The way to keep the balance was*)* 17.Bg5 0-1 (17) Arribas Lopez,A (2483)-Shmeliov,D (2420) Charlotte USA 2018 [Neil McDonald] *(17.Bg5 Nf4* It looks very equal after *18.Qh6* Planning to put the knight on d5 and then secure it from attack with

b7-b5, or if given the chance, exchange with Nxe3 to weaken White's kingside dark squares. *Ne6 19.Rf3* Defending b7 to renew the idea of Nd5. *Re8 20.Rg3!* Denied the d5 square, the knight heads to d6 and then to f5 to attack d4. *cxd4 21.Bc1+ Ng5* Guarding the f5 square to thwart the black knight once again. On the other hand White's kingside structure has become loose. *22.Rxg5#!* The black knight is not to be denied. *)*;

B) 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.c3 Bg4 12.Qe1 Bh5 13.Bf4 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Qg3 Qd7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Be3 g5 18.exf6 gxf6 19.h4 g4 20.Nh2 f5 21.Nf3 Kg7 22.Ne5 Qc7 23.Bf4 Bd6 24.Nxc6 Bxf4 25.Rxf4 Qxc6 26.Raf1 Qe6 27.Rxf5 Qxf5 28.Rxf5 Rxf5 29.Qxg4+ Kf6 30.h5 Rf8 31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.h6 R5f6 33.Qg5 R8f7 34.Qe5+ Kf8 35.Qg5 Rf5 36.Qd8# 1-0 (36) yoseph2013 (2721)-SavvaVetokhin2009 (2601) Blitz 2024]

9...c4 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Kg8 12.Qh5 Bf5 13.0-0 Bg6 14.Qg4 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Qd7 16.Qg3 Nc6 17.Rf2 Kh7 18.Raf1 Qe6 19.h5 Be4 20.Qh4 Rae8 21.h6 g6 22.Rf6 Qd7 23.R1f2 Re6 24.Bc1 Qe7 25.Bg5 Rxf6 26.Rxf6 Qd7 27.e6 Qe8 28.Qf4 Bf5 29.Rxf5 Qxe6 30.Rf6 Qd7 31.Rd6 Qe8 32.Qf6 1-0 (32) Polyclinical (2909)-Stas-2444 (2575) Blitz 2023

[80] **6.Qe2** Nf2

[6...Bf2+ Breutigam,Martin: 'This is generally considered to be a good and simple reply.'Breutigam,Martin: 'Dies gilt gemeinhin als eine einfache und gute Antwort.' 7.Kd1 Nxc3+

A) 8.bxc3 Breutigam,Martin: '!?' Breutigam,Martin: 'Perhaps this was the reason why Mamedyarov declined to play 6... ♗f2+ in aforementioned game against Jobava.' Breutigam,Martin: 'Vielleicht war dies der Grund, weshalb Mamedyarov in der besagten Partie gegen Jobava von 6...♗f2+ Abstand nahm.'

A1) 8...Bc5 9.d4 *(9.Qb5+ Nd7 10.d4 c6 11.Qb3 Be7 12.Bd3 f6 13.Re1 fxe5 14.c4 0-0 15.cxd5 Kh8 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Qxa3 Nb6 18.Nxe5 Nxd5 19.Rb1 Rb8 20.Bc4 Bf5 21.g4 Be6 22.Qg3 Bg8 23.Kc1 b5 24.Bb3 Rc8 25.g5 a5 26.a3 Rf5 27.g6 h6 28.Ba2 Qf6 29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Qd3 ½-½ (30) Bauer,A (2427)-Meissen,F (2550) www.remoteschach.de 2008)* 9...Be7 10.Qf2 Breutigam,Martin: 'As so often in this variation, the white queen is aiming for g3.' Breutigam,Martin: 'Wie so oft in dieser Variante: Die weiße Dame strebt nach g3. '

A1a) 10...0-0∓ 11.Bd3 c5N Black has better pawn structure and a safer king *(11...Nc6* Breutigam,Martin: '?!' *12.Qg3 f6 13.Bh6 Rf7 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Re1 Qf8 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Rxe7 Qxe7 19.Kd2 Qe6* Breutigam,Martin: '??' *20.Ng5 Qh6 21.Qf4 Be6 22.Re1 Re8 23.Rxe6* Breutigam,Martin: '1-0 (23) Vojta,T (2361)-

Plischki,S (2358) Marianske Lazne 2008') 12.Qg3 f6 13.Bh6 Rf7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.exf6 Nd7 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Nxf7 Nxf6 20.Nh6+ Kh7 21.Qh4 gxh6 22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.a4 Bg4+ 25.Kc1 Rg8 26.Qh6+ Nh7 27.Qxb6 axb6 28.Bf4 Re8 29.h3 Bf5 30.Rf1 Re2 31.Bd2 Be4 32.a5 Kg7 33.g4 Bf2 34.Rb1 Kg8 35.Rxf2 Rxf2 36.Rxb6 Rf7 37.Be3 Nf8 38.Bd4 Ng6 39.Rd6 Kh7 40.g5 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Rf8 42.Rd7 Rf1+ 43.Kb2 Rf7 44.Rd8+ Rf8 45.Rd7 Rf7 46.Rd8+ Rf8 47.Rd7 Rf7 ½-½ (47) Alonso GonzaLez,C (2422)-GaMez GalaN Arense, J (2311) ICCF 2017;

A1b) Breutigam,Martin: 'If' Breutigam,Martin: 'Falls' 10...c5 Breutigam,Martin: ', then' Breutigam,Martin: ', kommt' 11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.Bxc6+ *(12.Qg3 g6 13.Bh6* Breutigam,Martin: 'is worth considering, e.g.' Breutigam,Martin: 'in Betracht, z.B.' *Qa5 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Kd2* Breutigam,Martin: ' ∞')* 12...bxc6 13.Qg3 g6 14.Bh6 Rb8 15.Rf1 Bf5 16.Bg7 Rg8 17.Bf6 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Kd7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Rf2 Be6 21.Rf6 Rb6 22.Qf4 Kc8 23.Kd2 Rd8 24.a4 a5 25.Rf1 Rd7 26.Qh6 c5 27.Nxe6 Rxe6 28.Qxh7 Rxf6 29.Qh8+ Kc7 30.Qxf6 Qxf6 31.Rxf6 Re7 32.g4 Kb8 33.e6 fxe6 34.Rxg6 1-0 (34) Stephan,D (2482)-Rhodes,J (2395) ICCF 2007;

A1c) 10...Bf5?! 11.Rb1 Qc8 12.Qg3 0-0 13.Bh6 Bg6 14.h4! Breutigam,Martin: 'Black is under pressure.' Breutigam,Martin: 'Schwarz steht unter Druck.' Qf5 15.Bd3 Qh5 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Bg5 Breutigam,Martin: '?!' *(* Breutigam,Martin: 'A stronger move would have been' Breutigam,Martin: 'Stärker wäre' *17.Bc1* Breutigam, Martin: '!' *b6 18.Qh3* Breutigam,Martin: ' ± ' Breutigam,Martin: 'intending 19.g4!' Breutigam,Martin: 'gewesen, mit der Idee 19. g4!' *)* 17...Bxg5 18.Qxg5± 1-0 (58) Uritzky,M (2420)-Kogan,A (2475) Tel Aviv 1996 b6 19.g4 Qxg5 20.hxg5 Nc6 21.Ke2 Rfe8 22.Rh2 Kf8 23.Kd3 Ke7 24.c4 Rad8 25.c3 dxc4+ 26.Kxc4 Na5+ 27.Kd3 c5 28.Ke4 cxd4 29.cxd4 Rc8 30.d5 Nb7 31.Rd1 Rc3 32.Kf4 Nc5 33.Re2 Rd8 34.Nd4 Rh8 35.Nc6+ Ke8 36.e6 fxe6 37.Ke5 Kd7 38.Nxa7 Rhh3 39.dxe6+ Ke8 40.Kd6 Rce3 41.Rxe3 Rxe3 42.Nc6 Nxe6 43.Rd5 Re2 44.a3 Re3 45.Re5 Rxe5 46.Nxe5 Nd4 47.a4 b5 48.Kc5 Ne6+ 49.Kxb5 Nxg5 50.a5 Ne6 51.Kb6 Kd8 52.a6 Kc8 53.a7 Nc7 54.Kc6 g5 55.Nf7 g6 56.Nd6+ Kd8 57.Nb5 Na8 58.Kb7 1-0 (58) 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.

h3 (2420)-Burnazovic,E (2475) 7.Qg6/Analyse 1996 My Great Predecessors 1 [Demarre,J/Primel,D];

A2) Breutigam,Martin: 'If here' Breutigam,Martin: 'Falls hier' 8...Bb6 Breutigam,Martin: ', then' Breutigam,Martin: ', würde' 9.d4 *(9.a4 a5 10.Ba3 c5 11.Qf2 Nd7 12.Bb5 Qc7 13.e6 fxe6 14.Ng5 Rf8 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Nxe6+ Ke7 17.Nxc7 Bxc7 18.Ke2 Bd6 19.Rae1 Kd8 20.Kd1 Nf6 21.Kc1 b6 22.h3 Ra7 23.g4 h6 24.Rhf1 Re7 25.Rxe7 Kxe7 26.Bc6 Be6 27.Re1 Kf7 28.d3 h5 29.gxh5 Nxh5 30.Kd1 g5 31.Bc1 Bf4 32.Bxf4 gxf4 33.Ke2 Bxh3 34.Bxd5+ Kf6 35.Kf3 Kg5 36.Re5+ Kh4 37.Rxh5+ Kxh5 38.Kxf4 Bd7 39.Bb3 b5 40.axb5 Bxb5 41.c4 Bc6 42.Ke5 a4 43.Ba2 Bf3 44.Kd6 Bd1 45.Kxc5 Bxc2 46.Kd4 Kg5 47.Kc3 Bd1 48.c5 Kf6 49.Bc4 Ke7 50.d4 Kd7 51.d5 Bf3 52.Kb4 Kc7 53.Kxa4 Bg4 54.Kb4 Bf5 55.Bb5 Bg4 56.d6+ Kd8 57.c6 Kc8 58.Kc5 Kd8 59.Ba6* 1-0 (59) S_Ovsejevitsch (2711)-mowilli (2590) Blitz 2022*; 9.Ba3* Breutigam,Martin: 'N!?' *c5 10.Qf2 Qe7 11.d4* Breutigam,Martin: 'would lead to a tense position with approximately level chances.' Breutigam,Martin: 'zu einer spannenden Stellung mit ungefähr ausgeglichenen Chancen führen.' *)* 9...0-0 10.Qf2 Bf5 11.Bd3 Qd7 12.Bxf5 Qxf5 13.Qg3 c5 14.Bh6 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Kd2 Rac8 18.Rab1 Rc6 19.Rhf1 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.dxc5 Nxc5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Nd4 Ra5 24.Ne6 Rf7 25.Rf3 Rxa2 26.Rg3 g5 27.h4 Re7 28.Nf4 Be3+ 29.Rxe3 Rxe3 30.Kxe3 gxf4+ 31.Kxf4 b6 32.g4 Rxc2 33.Rd1 Kf7 34.Rxd5 Ke6 35.Rd3 a5 36.h5 a4 37.Re3+ Kf7 38.Rd3 a3 39.Rd7+ Ke6 40.Rb7 Rb2 41.h6 a2 42.Ra7 Rh2 43.h7 Rxh7 44.Rxa2 Rc7 45.Rb2 Rc4+ 46.Kg3 Rxc3+ 47.Kh4 Rc6 48.Kh5 Kf7 49.Kh6 f5+ 50.Kg5 fxg4 51.Kxg4 Re6 52.Kf5 Ke7 53.Rd2 Rd6 54.Rb2 Kd7 55.Ke5 Kc7 56.Rc2+ Rc6 57.Rb2 Rc5+ 58.Kd4 Kc6 59.Kd3 b5 60.Rc2 Kd5 61.Rxc5+ Kxc5 62.Kc3 b4+ 63.Kb3 Kb5 64.Kb2 Kc4 65.Kc2 b3+ 66.Kb2 Kb4 67.Kb1 Ka4 68.Kb2 Kb4 69.Kb1 Kc3 70.Kc1 Kd3 71.Kb2 Kc4 72.Kb1 Kc5 73.Kb2 Kb4 ½-½ (73) Medarde94 (2831)-Jakob19 (2657) Blitz 2021;

B) Postny,Evgeny: 'Postny,E: 'Another option is:''Postny,Evgeny: 'Another option is:' Breutigam, Martin: 'Because against the statistically more frequently played' Breutigam,Martin: 'Denn gegen das statistisch etwas häufiger gespielte' 8.dxc3 Breutigam,Martin: 'then' Breutigam,Martin: 'sieht' 8...Bb6 Breutigam,Martin: '!' 9.Bg5 Qd7 Breutigam,Martin: 'looks good for Black. It is hard to believe that White can get anything out of this.' Breutigam,Martin: 'gut aus für

Schwarz. Kaum zu glauben, dass man mit Weiß hier etwas herausholen kann.' 10.Kd2 *(10.Kc1 Nc6 11.b3 a5 12.a4 0-0 13.Qd2 d4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Kb2 Nxf3 17.gxf3 Bd4+ 18.c3 Bxe5 19.Rae1 Qd6 20.Bf4 Bf5 21.Rxe5 Rxe5 22.Re1 f6 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.Bc4+ Kf8 25.Qd5 Qxd5 26.Bxd5 c6 27.Rxe5 g6 28.Be4 Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Rd8 30.Kc2 Rd5 31.Rf4+ Ke7 32.Rh4 h5* ½-½ (32) Pirs,M (2538)-Meissen,F (2550) www.remoteschach.de 2008 *)*

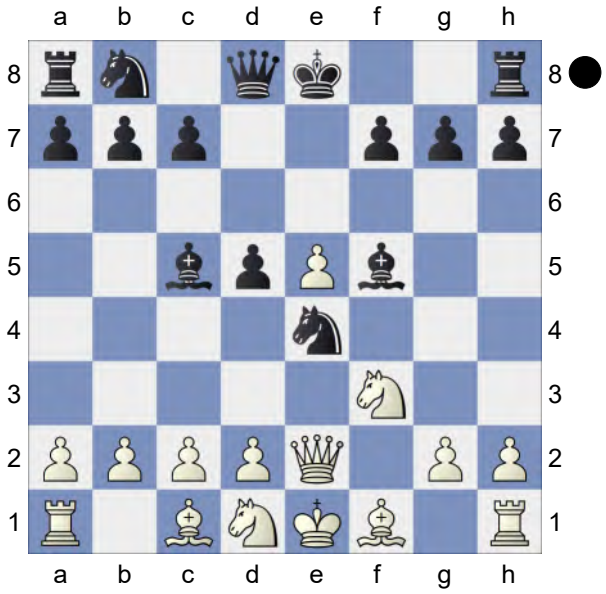
B1) 10...0-0 11.Rd1 Postny,E: 'with mutual chances, but I prefer Black.' with mutual chances, but I prefer Black. Qa4 *(11...Re8 12.Kc1 f6 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.Qb5 Qf5 15.Bg3 fxe5 16.Rxd5 Be6 17.Bd3 Qh5 18.Kb1 a6 19.Qc4 Kh8 20.Re1 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Qg4 22.Re4* 1-0 (22) Mueller,A (2467)-Mueller,W (2209) www.remoteschach.de 2006*; 11...h6 12.Be3 Qa4 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.a3 Ra5 15.Kc1 Re8 16.Rd4 Qd7 17.Rd3 Qe7 18.Qd2 Be6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Nf3 c6 21.Re3 Na6 22.Bd3 Nc5 23.Rhe1 Raa8 24.Nd4 Nxd3+ 25.Rxd3 Qh4 26.Nf3 Qc4 27.Nd4 Qa2 28.Qf2 Qa1+ 29.Kd2 Qxb2 30.Rf1 c5 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Rg3 Rg8 33.Nf3 d4 34.Ng5 dxc3+ 35.Ke3 Qxc2 36.Qxd7 Raf8 37.Qd1 Qxd1 38.Rxd1 b5 39.Kd3 b4 40.axb4 cxb4 41.Ne4 Ra8 42.Nd6 Ra2 43.Re1 b5 44.Kd4 Kh7 45.e6 Rd2+ 46.Kc5 c2 47.Rc1 Re2 48.Kxb4 Rxe6 49.Nf5 Rf8 50.Rxg7+ Kh8 51.Re7 Rxe7 52.Nxe7 Rf2 53.Kb3 Rxg2 54.Rxc2 Rg5 55.Kc3 Kg7 56.Kd4 b4 57.Rb2 Rh5 58.Nc6 Kg6 59.Nxb4 Kg5 60.Nd5 Rh4+ 61.Ke5 Ra4 62.Ne3 Ra1 63.Ke4 Kh4 64.Rb5 Ra6 65.Kf3 Rf6+ 66.Kg2 Rg6+ 67.Kf2 Rf6+ 68.Rf5 Ra6 69.Ng2+ Kh3 70.Rh5+ Kg4 71.Rh4+ Kg5 72.Rc4 Kg6 73.Kf3 Kf6 74.h4 Ke6 75.Rc5 Kf6 76.Kg4 Re6 77.Nf4 Ra6 78.Kh5 Kg7 79.Rc7+* 1-0 (79) Tucci,A (2434)-Cattani,M (2462) ICCF email 2012*)* 12.a3 *(12.Qb5 Qxb5 13.Bxb5 Nd7 14.Rde1 Re8 15.Bf4 c6 16.Bd3 Nc5 17.Rhf1 Bd7 18.Bg3 Re7 19.a3 Rae8 20.b4 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Bc7 22.Bh4 Re6 23.d4 Rg6 24.Rf2 a5 25.Ref1 axb4 26.axb4 Ra8 27.Ne1 f5 28.g3 Rg4 29.Ng2 Re4* ½-½ (29) Bauer,A (2427)-Schemmann,B (2297) www.remoteschach.de 2008*)* 12...Bf5 Black has better development and better pawn structure.;

B2) 10...h6 11.Bh4 Qa4 12.Qb5+ Qxb5 13.Bxb5+ c6 14.Bd3 Bg4 15.Rhf1 Nd7 16.Rae1 Nc5 17.Nd4 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Be6 20.b4 a5 21.Rb1 axb4 22.Rxb4 Rxa2+ 23.Ke3 b5 24.Rf2 Ra3 25.Rb1 Kd7 26.Rc2 Bf5 27.Rd1 Rha8 28.Be1 Rb3 29.Rc3 Raa3 30.Rdc1 Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Ra2 32.Bd2 Kc7 33.h4 Kb6 34.g3 Ra1 35.Bc1 Rb1 36.Kf4 Bg6 37.e6 fxe6

38.Ke5 b4 39.Rc5 Bxd3 40.Kd6 Bb5 41.Bf4 b3 42.Rc3 Bc4 43.Re3 b2 44.Rxe6 Ra1 0-1 (44) The_appleboy (2844)-AttackingBeast (2750) Blitz 2022]

[Breutigam,Martin: 'Nevertheless, Mamedyarov preferred'Breutigam, Martin: 'Dennoch bevorzugte Mamedyarov' 6...Bf5 Breutigam, Martin: 'see Jobava-Mamedyarov.' Breutigam,Martin: 'siehe Jobava-Mamedyarov.'

A) 7.Nd1 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



' Postny,E: 'White is now threatening to trap Black's centralised knight by 8.d3.' White is now threatening to trap Black's centralized knight by 8.d3. Postny,E: 'White is now threatening to trap Black's centralised knight by 8.d3.'

A1) Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'In a few available games on the topic Black as a rule preferred' 7...d4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '(Nikitin - Tseshkovsky, USSR Ch 1968) with the idea of' Postny,E: 'is good enough.'is good enough. 8.c3?! *(8.g4* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' *Bg6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.d3 Nf6⇄; 8.d3? Bb4+∓)* 8...Bb6 9.d3 Nc5 10.Nf2 Nc6∓ 0-1 (41) Nikitin,Y-Tseshkovsky,V Alma-Ata 1968;

A2) 7...Bg4!? (Postny,E) see "Analysis - 5...Bc5 6.Qe2 Bf5" (Breutigam). 8.Ne3 h5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Kd1 Qd7 11.Kc2 f5 12.exf6 0-0 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Nxg4 hxg4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4+ 16.cxd4 Rxf6 17.Be3 Re8 18.Qb5 Rc6+ 19.Kd1 g3 0-1 (19) Alonso GonzaLez,C (2422)-Cadenas GonzaLez,J (2241) ICCF 2017;

A3) 7...Nc6?!N Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' Postny,E: 'Mamedyarov simply ignores the threat and continues the development. Frankly speaking, it's a bluff that worked out well in the game.' Mamedyarov simply ignores the threat and continues the development. Frankly speaking, it's a bluff that worked out well in the game. 8.d3

A3a) 8...Bg4? 9.dxe4 *(9.c3?* Postny,E: 'doesn't really prevent the move that now follows . . . 'doesn't really prevent the move that now follows... *Nd4! 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 Nxc3-+)* 9...Nd4 10.Bg5 *(10.Qd3? dxe4 11.Qxe4 Bf5 12.Bb5+ c6-+)*

10...Bxf3 *(10...Qxg5 11.Nxg5 Bxe2 12.Bxe2 Nxc2+ 13.Kd2 Nxa1 14.exd5±)* 11.Qd2! f6 *(11...Nxc2+? 12.Qxc2 Qxg5 13.Qxc5 Bxe4 14.Nc3+-)* 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Be3 Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Nxc2+ 15.Qxc2 Bxe3 16.Rxd5 Qe7 17.Bb5+±;

A3b) 8...Bb6!? 9.Ne3 Be6 10.dxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 0-0 Postny,E: 'It's hard to estimate Black's compensation, but he definitely has some.' It's hard to estimate Black's compensation, but he definitely has some.;

A3c) 8...Qd7!? (Postny,E) see "Analysis - 5...Bc5 6.Qe2 Bf5" (Breutigam).;

A3d) 8...Qe7

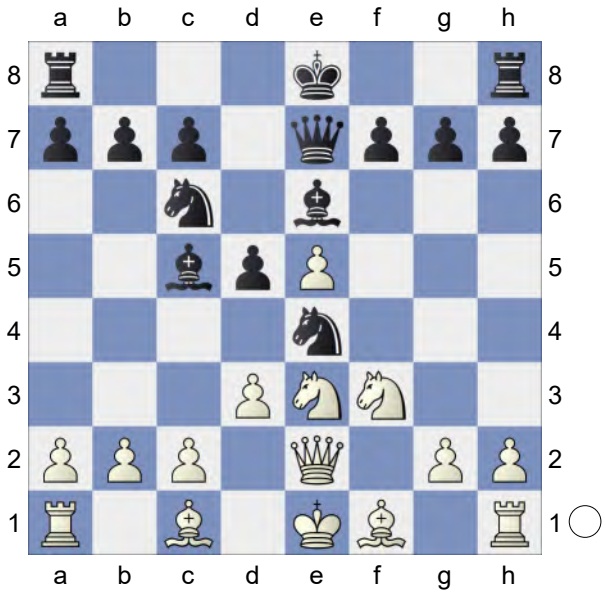
A3d1) Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'It is wrong to capture the already caught black knight:' 9.dxe4? dxe4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'and if the knight retreats from f3, then ...♘d4.' 10.Ng5 Nd4-+;

A3d2) Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'The critical test of Mamedyarov's creative idea is probably' 9.Be3! Postny,E: 'was the real test for Black's idea.' was the real test for Black's idea. 0-0-0 *(9...d4 10.dxe4 dxe3 11.exf5 0-0-0 12.g3 Nxe5 13.Bg2±; 9...Bxe3? 10.Nxe3 Qb4+ 11.c3 Nxc3 12.Qd2+-)* 10.dxe4 dxe4 11.Nd2 Nd4 *(11...Nxe5? 12.Qf2+-)* 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.c3 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' Bxe5 14.Qf2± Bg6 15.Be2 Rhe8 16.Ne3 f5 17.g3 Bf6 18.0-0-0 Bg5 19.h4 Bh6 20.Kb1 1-0 (20) Alonso Gonzalez,C (2449)-Raluy Lopez,M (1760) corr ICCF 2014;

A3d3) 9.Ne3? Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '?!' Postny,E: 'Putting the wrong piece on this square.'Putting the wrong piece on this square.

A3d31) 9...Bxe3 10.Qxe3 *(10.Bxe3?! Qb4+ 11.c3 Nxc3 12.a3 Qb3∓)* 10...Qb4+ 11.Kd1 d4 12.Qe1 Qxe1+ 13.Kxe1 Nc5∓;

A3d32) 9...Be6!? Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



' Postny,E: 'Consistently

continuing to offer White a piece, again when there was a safe alternative.' Consistently continuing to offer White a piece, again when there was a safe alternative.

A3d321)

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'After' 10.dxe4

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' dxe4 11.Nd2

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Black has strong compensation for the piece. One approximate line is' 0-0-0

A3d3211) 12.Nxe4? Qh4+ 13.Nf2 Nxe5! *(* Postny,E: 'After' After *13...Nd4? 14.Qd1 Nb3 15.axb3 Rxd1+ 16.Nexd1* Postny,E: 'White has too many pieces for the queen.' White has too many pieces for the queen. *)* 14.Bd2 *(14.g3* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) *Qb4+ 15.c3 Qb6⩱ 16.Bg2)* 14...Rxd2 15.Qxd2 Rd8 16.Qe2 Qf4→;

A3d3212) 12.Nb3! Bxb3 13.axb3 f5 *(13...Nxe5 14.h4!∞* Postny,E: 'preventing ... ♕h4+. In some case the kingside rook may join the game via h3. ' preventing ...♕h4+. In some case the kingside rook may join the game via h3. *)* 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Ra4 Rhf8 16.g3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 Bxd4 18.Bh3+ Kb8 19.Rf1 Postny,E: 'with an approximately balanced position.' with an approximately balanced position.;

A3d322) 10.c3? Postny,E: 'Declining the offer. However, if White doesn't take the piece, it's clear that Black's plan has succeeded - he is simply better developed! Good or bad, Baadur should have taken the piece.' Declining the offer. However, if White doesn't take the piece, it's clear that Black's conception has succeeded - he is simply better developed! Good or bad, Baadur should have taken the piece. Postny,E: 'Declining

the offer. However, if White doesn't take the piece, it's clear that Black's plan has succeeded - he is simply better developed! Good or bad, Baadur should have taken the piece.' 10...0-0-0 11.d4 *(* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Not necessarily better is' *11.g3* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'after which Black has a number of attractive options.' *d4!∓)* 11...Bb6 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ' ↑' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram *(* Postny,E: 'It's too early for the sacrifice on d4:' It's too early for the sacrifice on d4: *11...Bxd4? 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb4+ 14.Bd2 Qxd4 15.0-0-0±)*

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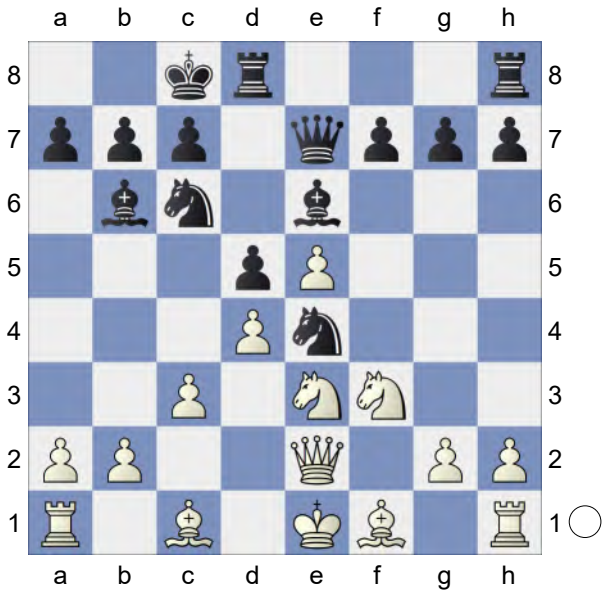


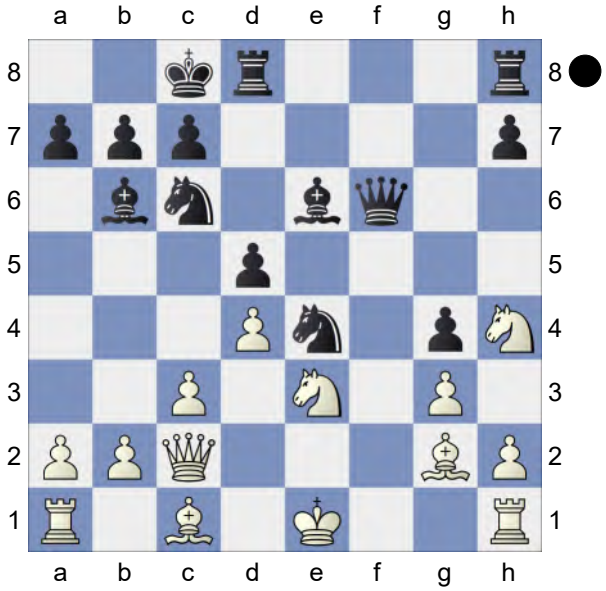
White is still behind in development, while the black e4 knight is already out of danger.' 12.Qc2 g5!

A3d3221)

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Or' Postny,E: 'Also after'Also after 13.Bd3 g4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 Qh4+ *(* *15...Nxe5!*↑ Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) *)* 16.g3 Qh5 Postny,E: 'White can't hold his centre. ' White can't hold his centre. 17.Nxe4 Nxe5! 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.0-0 Rhe8∓;

A3d3222) 13.g3 f6 Postny,E: 'Undermining White's pawn chain.' Undermining White's

pawn chain.
14.exf6 Qxf6
15.Bg2 g4
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!' 16.Nh4
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



' Bxd4!
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'A correct piece sacrifice. The sutuation remains difficult for White.' Postny,E: 'Time for the strike!' Time for the strike!
17.Rf1 Qe5 18.cxd4 Nxd4

A3d32221)

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Or' Postny,E: 'The lesser evil for White was:' The lesser evil for White was: 19.Qd3
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' Rhf8
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ' ↑!' 20.Bd2 Rxf1+ 21.Bxf1 *(21.Kxf1 Nf3! 22.Nxf3 gxf3 23.Bxf3 Rf8 24.Kg2 Bh3+!-+)* 21...Nc6∓;

A3d32222)

19.Qa4?

A3d322221)

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Possibly even stronger was' 19...Nc5!
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ' ∓!' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'with the idea of' 20.Qxa7
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '?' *(20.Qd1 Rhf8→)* 20...b6!
Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '-+!' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'threatening ... ♘b5!!.' Postny,E: 'could trap the queen in an amazing way.' could trap the

queen in an amazing way. 21.Rf2 Kd7! 22.Qa3 Nb5-+;

A3d322222)

19...Kb8?

A3d3222221)

20.Rf4 Rhf8

(20...Rhe8↑)

21.Nc4! Postny,E: 'could confuse Black a little. For instance: ' could confuse Black a little. For instance: dxc4 22.Rxe4 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bd7 24.Qd1 Rde8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8+ 26.Kf1 Qc5 27.Rc1 Ne2 28.Qxe2 Rxe2 29.Kxe2∓;

A3d3222222)

20.Bxe4?! Bd7! Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram

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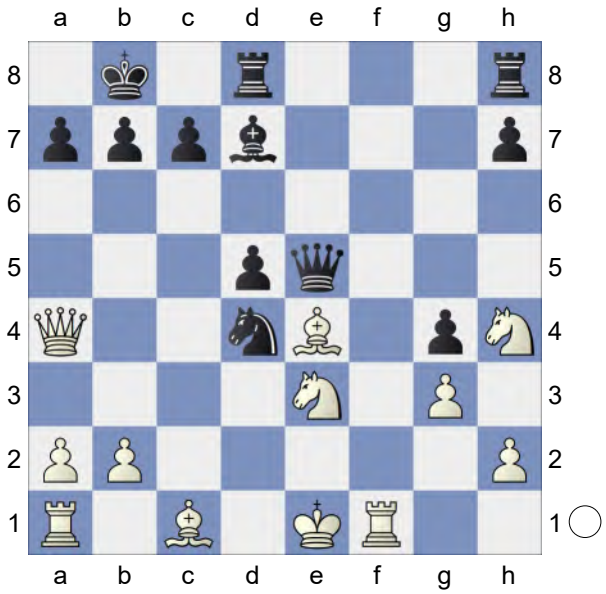


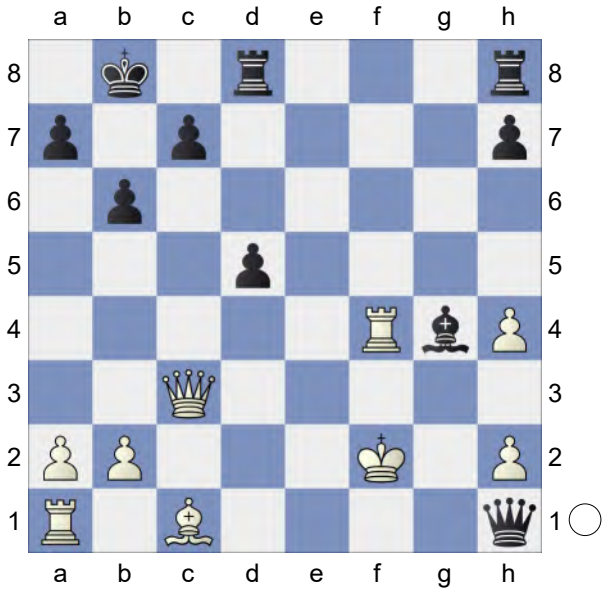
' Postny,E: 'A useful intermezzo, opening the e-file for Black's major pieces.' A useful intermezzo, opening the e-file for Black's major pieces.

A3d32222221)

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'More stubborn was' 21.Qd1! Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ', having in mind' Postny,E: 'The only move that could keep White, more or less, in the game.' The only move that could keep White, more or less, in the game. Qxe4

(21...dxe4

Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' *22.Rf4 Bb5* Postny,E: 'is also promising for Black.' is also promising for Black.*)* 22.Rf4 Qh1+ 23.Rf1 Qxh2 24.Qxd4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ', though Black can go for this line:' Qxg3+ Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): ' ∓' Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'etc.' 25.Kd2 Qxh4 26.Kc2∓; **A3d32222222)** 21.Qa5? Qxe4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Now Black's attack decides.' 22.Rf4 *(* Also hopeless is *22.Qd2* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net) *Rhf8-+* and so on.*)* 22...Qh1+ 23.Kf2 Nf3! Postny,E: 'Now Black is crushing through.' Now Black is crushing through. 24.Nxg4 b6! *(24...Nxh4? 25.Qxa7+! Kxa7 26.Be3+* Postny,E: 'could prolong the game for a while.' could prolong the game for a while.*)* 25.Qc3 Nxh4 26.gxh4 Bxg4 Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



' 27.Be3 *(* Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Or' *27.Rxg4 Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Rde8+ 29.Be3 Rhf8-+)* 27...Qxh2+ Postny,E: 'A fabulous game by Shakhriyar.' 0-1 (27) Jobava,B (2695) - Mamedyarov,S (2757) Warsaw 2013 CBM 158 [Postny,Evgeny]

A fabulous game by Shakhriyar.;

B) 7.d4 Bb4 8.Qe3 c5

B1) 9.a3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bc5 11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.0-0 Bg6 13.b4 Bb6 14.Na4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bf4 *(17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 a5 19.e6 axb4 20.axb4 Qe7 21.Bb2 Qxe6 22.Qxe6 fxe6 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Nc5 Rxa1+ 25.Bxa1 Nxc5 26.bxc5 Kf7 27.Kf2* ½-½ (27) HaPpenstein,M (2402)-Hameister,R (2407) ICCF 2018*)* 17...Qc8 18.c3 Re8 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.Qxc5 Re6 21.Rf2 Be4 22.a4 h5 23.a5 h4 24.h3 Rg6 25.Kh2 a6 26.Qe7 Qd8 27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.Rd1 Re8 ½-½ (28) Alonso GonzaLez,C (2422)-Doric,N (2394) ICCF 2017;

B2) 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Rb8 15.0-0 c4 16.Ra2 Bg6 17.a4 Rb7 18.a5 Rb5 19.a6 Qb6 20.Qc1 h6 21.Qa3 Re8 22.h3 Re6 23.Kh2 f6 24.Qc1 c5 25.Qf4 fxe5 26.dxe5 Qc7 27.Rd1 Be4 28.Re1 Rf6 29.Qg4 Rbb6 30.Rxe4 Rg6 31.Qh4 dxe4 32.Qxe4 Qc6 33.Qe2 Rxa6 34.Rb2 Rb6 35.Ra2 a6 36.Ra1 Qe6 37.Qe4 Rf6 38.Ra4 Rc6 39.Rxc4 Rf8 40.Ra4 Kh8 41.Qd3 Rf7 42.Rg4 Re7 43.Qd8+ Re8 44.Qd3 Qf7 45.Qe4 Rce6 46.Qe3 Qc7 47.Ra4 a5 48.Qe4 Ra6 49.h4 Qd7 50.Qc4 Ree6 51.h5 Qe8 52.g4 Ra8 53.Qe4 Qc6 54.Qxc6 Rxc6 55.Kg3 g5 56.hxg6 Rxg6 57.Kf4 Rf8+ 58.Ke3 h5 59.gxh5 Rg3 60.Rf4 Kg8 61.e6 Rh3 62.e7 Re8 63.Re4 Rxh5 64.Kd2 Rh7 65.Rg4+ Rg7 66.Rc4 Rg3 67.Ne1 Rxe7 68.Rxc5 Ra7 69.Kc1 Rg1 70.Re5 Rb7 71.Kd2 Rd7+ 72.Kc1 Kf7 73.Kb2 Kf6 74.Re8 Re7 75.Rxe7 Kxe7 76.Nf3 Rg8 77.Nd2 ½-½ (77) Pirs,M (2538)-Leisebein,P (2418) www.remoteschach.de 2007;

C) 7.d3

C1) 7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 *(8...Nc6 9.Be3 Bb6 10.d4 Qd7 11.Qf2 0-0 12.Bd3 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.0-0 Raf8 15.Qd2 Ba5 16.Rab1 Bb6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 R6f7 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.Qe3 Qe6 21.Rbe1 c6 22.h3 b5 23.Rf4 Bg6 24.Ref1 Rxf4 25.Rxf4 Re8 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rg4 Qxe5 28.Qxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxg6 Re2 30.Rd6 Rxc2 31.Rd7 Rxa2 32.Rxb7 Rc2 33.g4 Rxc3 34.Kg2 d4 35.g5 Kh7 36.Rd7 c5 37.Rd6 b4 38.h4 b3 39.h5 c4 40.Rb6 d3 41.Kf2 d2 42.Ke2 Rd3 43.Kd1 c3* 0-1 (43) RodTwinkz (2712)-genius00l (2853) Blitz 2024*)* 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bf4 c5 11.Qf2 Nc6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 cxd4 14.cxd4 f6 15.e6 Qe7 16.0-0 Qxe6 17.Rfe1 Qf5 18.Bd6 Rfe8 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Rd1 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bxd4+ 23.Kf3 Re3+ 24.Kf4 Re2 25.Rc1 Be3+ 26.Kf3 Bxc1 27.Kxe2 Kf7 28.Kf3 Ke6 29.Bf8 g6 30.g4 a6 31.h3 f5 32.Bc5 b5 33.Bb4 fxg4+ 34.hxg4 h5

35.gxh5 gxh5 36.Kg3 Bg5 37.Bc3 Bd8 38.Kh3 a5 39.Kg3 b4 40.Be1 Be7 41.Kf3 a4 42.Ke3 h4 43.Kf3 b3 44.axb3 axb3 45.Bc3 Kf5 46.Kg2 Kg4 47.Bb2 h3+ 48.Kh2 Bd6+ 49.Kh1 Kf3 50.d4 Ke3 51.Bc3 Kd3 0-1 (51) Lukianoo (2731)-Ascenio (2861) Blitz 2021;

C2) 7...Bf2+ 8.Kd1 0-0 *(8...Bb6 9.dxe4 dxe4+ 10.Nd2 e3 11.Qf3 exd2 12.Bxd2 Qc8 13.Kc1 Nc6 14.Bb5 0-0 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Rf1 Bg6 17.Ne2 f6 18.e6 Qxe6 19.Nf4 Qd7 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.a4 Bd4 23.Ra3 Rab8 24.b4 g5 25.Qb3+ Kf8 26.Qc4 Be5 27.Rb3 a6 28.h3 c5 29.Qxc5+ Kg8 30.Ra3 Kh8 31.a5 Qe6 32.Re1 Rb5 33.Qe3 Rbd5 34.Rd3 Rxd3 35.cxd3 Qa2 36.Qf3 Qa1+ 37.Kc2 Qa4+ 38.Kc1 Qa1+ 39.Kc2 Qa4+ 40.Kc1 c5 41.Re4 Qa1+ 42.Kc2 Qa4+ 43.Kc1 Rb8 44.Rc4 Qa1+ 45.Kc2 Qa4+ 46.Kc1 cxb4 47.Bxb4 Bf4+ 48.Rxf4 Qa1+ 49.Kd2 Qa2+ 50.Ke3 gxf4+ 51.Qxf4 Re8+ 52.Kf3 Qd5+ 53.Kf2 Qxd3 54.Kg1 Qb1+ 55.Kh2 Re4 56.Qb8+ Kh7 57.Bd6 Qxb8 58.Bxb8 Ra4 59.Bc7 Kg6 60.Kg3 Kf5 61.Kh2 Ra3 62.Kg1 Ke4 63.Kf2 f5 64.Kg1 f4 65.Kf2 Ra2+ 66.Kf1 g5 67.Bd8 Kf5 68.Be7 Rxa5 69.g3 fxg3 70.Bd6 Rd5 71.Bxg3 g4 72.h4 a5 73.h5 a4 74.h6 a3 75.h7 Rd8 76.Be1 Rh8 77.Bc3 Rxh7 78.Bd4 a2 79.Kg2 a1Q 80.Bxa1 Kf4 81.Bb2 g3 82.Ba3 Rh2+ 83.Kf1 Rc2 84.Bd6+ Kf3 85.Ke1 Ke3 86.Kd1 Rd2+ 87.Kc1 Rxd6 88.Kc2 g2 89.Kb2 g1Q 90.Kc3 Qb1 91.Kc4 Rb6 92.Kd5 Qb5# 0-1 (92) Cheng-4 (2701)-MateAI (3040) Rapid 2024)* 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Qxf2 exf3 11.Qxf3 Qd7 12.Be2 Nc6 13.Qg3 Rfe8 14.Bf4 Nd4 15.Re1 Qb5 16.Kc1 Qc6 17.Bd1 Rad8 18.Bd2 Nxc2 19.Bxc2 Rxd3 20.Qf2 Rf3 0-1 (20) Lukianoo (2757)-Lunaticxxx (2813) Blitz 2021]

[6...Nxc3

A) 7.bxc3!? d4 *(7...0-0 8.d4 Be7 9.Qf2 f6 10.Bd3 fxe5 11.dxe5 Nc6 12.Qg3 Bf5 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Bh6 Rf7 15.Rae1)* 8.cxd4↑ *(8.Qb5+ Nd7 9.cxd4 Bxd4 10.Nxd4 Qh4+)* 8...Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.c3 Qc5 11.Bb2 *(11.a4 Nc6)* 11...Nc6 12.d4 ⩀Qd5 ⩀13.c4 Qa5+ 14.Kf2 0-0 15.d5 Qb6+ 16.Kg3 Ne7 17.h3;

B) 7.dxc3 0-0 8.Bf4 *(⩀8.Bg5 Be7 9.h4 f6 10.exf6 ⩀Bxf6 11.0-0-0)*

B1) 8...c6 9.0-0-0± Bf5?! 10.Nd4 Be4? 11.h4 Re8 12.Qg4 *(12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Bd3+-)* 12...Nd7 13.e6± *(13.Qg3)* 13...Nf6 14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.Qh3 Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Nxd7? 17.c4 Rad8 18.cxd5 Bxd5 19.Nb3 ⩀Be7 20.Rg1 Kg8 21.Bd3 1-0 (21) Bangiev,A (2405)-Unger,B Wedemark 1996 [Bangiev];

B2) 8...f6 9.0-0-0 fxe5 10.Qxe5 c6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Qg3 Bf5 13.Re1 Qh5 14.Be2 h6 15.Bf4 Qg4 16.Ne5 Qxg3 17.Bxg3

Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Bd3 Rae8 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.h3 Rf8 22.Kd2 Bf2 23.Be5 Bf5 24.Rf1 Bxd3 25.Kxd3 Be3 26.Rxf8+ 1-0 (26) Resha1988 (2724)-jgeg (2557) Blitz 2024]
7.d4 Nxh1 8.dxc5 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Be6 11.g3 f6 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Bf4 Rae8 14.Qg2 d4 15.Nb5 Nb4 16.Nxc7 Nxa2+ 17.Kb1 Bf7 18.Nxe8 Rxe8 19.Bb5 Rc8 20.Be5 Qg6 21.Qxh1 Rxc5 22.Bd3 Qb6 23.Bxd4 Nc3+ 24.Bxc3 Rxc3 25.Ng5 1-0 (25) KalizonN (2856)-SexxOnTheBeach (2660) Blitz 2022

[81] **6...Bb6** 7.Bd3 f5 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Kxe7 11.Bg5 c6 12.0-0-0 Nbd7 13.Rde1+ Kd8 14.Ne5 Rf8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.Ne2 Ndf6 19.Be5 Ng4 20.Rhf1 Ne3 21.Ng3 Nxg3 22.Bxg3 Nxf1 23.Rxf1 Bg4 24.c3 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bc7 26.Kd2 Bf4+ 27.Kd1 Kd7 28.Be2 Rae8 29.Rh1 Rf6 30.Bf2 Be3 31.Bg3 a5 32.h4 Bf4 33.Bf2 Re7 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Rh8 Kc7 36.a4 Be3 37.Bg3+ Bf4 38.Bf2 Rff7 39.Bd3 Be3 40.Bg3+ Bf4 41.Bf2 Bd6 42.Be2 Rg7 43.Be3 Rxe3 44.Rh6 Ree7 0-1 (44) Rivuza (2781)-anhao (2722) Blitz 2022

[82] **7.Bd3** f5
[7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxc3+ 9.Bd2 Bxa1 10.Qxa1 h6 *(10...c5 11.dxc5 Be6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Qd4 h6 14.Be3 0-0 15.Qf4* Bangiev,A-Wichmann,D/Calenberg 1995 (22)*; 10...b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Qe1 Qe7 14.Qe2 Nb8 15.Ng5*↑ 1-0 Morjan,J-Saebele,D/GER-chT 1995/(19)*; 10...Be6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.a4 Qd7 13.a5 Ne7 14.Qb1 0-0-0 15.Qb2 a6 16.Bb4 Ng6 17.Rb1*↑ 1-0 Kopcak,S-Kolesar,M/SVK 2000/(45)*) 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Qe1 Be6 13.Qg3
A) 13...g5! 14.Bb5 *(14.c3 Ne7)* 14...Qd7 15.Qf2 a6 16.Ba4 b5 17.Bb3 Qe7 18.Ne1 0-0 19.h4 Kg7 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Nf3 f6!∓ 0-1 Hector,J-Boudre,J/Val Maubuee 1989/(45);
B) 13...Qe7 14.Bb5 *(14.Qxg7 0-0-0 15.Qg3 Rdg8∓)* 14...a6?! *(14...g5)* 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Ne1!? 0-0 *(16...c5 17.Qxg7)* 17.Nd3 Rab8
B1) 18.Bxh6 f6 19.exf6 *(19.Re1 Bf5)* 19...Rxf6 20.Bf4∓;
B2) 18.a3!? Δ♗b4 a5 19.Bxh6 *(19.a4 f6 20.Re1 Bf5; 19.Nc5 f6 20.Bxa5 fxe5 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Qxe5 Rf6∓)* 19...f6 20.Re1 Bf5;
B3) 18.Rf6!? with the idea to blockade the f-pawn! Δ f6 zu blockieren! 18...Rb1+ 19.Kf2 Rfb8 *(19...Kh7? 20.Bxh6! gxh6 21.Qh4)*
B3a) 20.Bxh6
B3a1) 20...g6 21.Qh4! Δ♖g6 Qe8 22.Rf3! Δ♕f6 f5 23.exf6+- Bf5 *(23...R1b2 24.f7+ Bxf7 25.Qf6)* 24.Rxf5;
B3a2) 20...Qf8! 21.Bd2∞;
B3b) 20.Rxh6?! Bf5 21.Bg5?! Qf8 22.Rh5 Bg6 23.Rh4 Δ♕h3 Qc8 24.Rh3 Qf5+-+ 25.Bf4 R8b2! 26.Nxb2 Qxc2+ 27.Kf3 Rf1+ 28.Ke3 Qe4+ 29.Kd2 Rxf4 30.Nd3 Rg4 31.Qf3 Qxf3 0-1 (31) Hector,J (2485)-Fernandez Aguado,J (2330) Alicante 1989 EXT 97

[Bangiev]]
8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne2 Be7 10.c4 c6 11.Nf4 Na6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Qxd5 Rb8 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.d5 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bxf2 20.d6 Bb7 21.Nd3 Bb6 22.Bg5 Rd7 23.Rd1 Re8 24.Nf4 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Rxe5 26.Kg2 Re8 27.b4 h6 28.Be7 Kg8 29.Ng6 Kf7 30.Ne5+ Ke6 31.Nxd7 Kxd7 32.Kg3 Bd8 33.Kf4 g6 34.Bxd8 Rxd8 35.Ke5 Re8+ 36.Kf6 Re6+ 37.Kg7 g5 38.Rd5 f4 39.a4 Rxd6 40.Ra5 Kc7 41.h4 gxh4 42.Rh5 Rd4 43.Rxh4 Rxb4 44.a5 Kc6 45.Kxh6 Kb5 46.Rh5+ Ka4 47.Rf5 Rb5 48.Rxf4+ Kxa5 49.Re4 Rd5 50.f4 Kb5 51.Kg6 a5 52.f5 a4 53.f6 Rd8 54.f7 Rf8 55.Re8 Rxf7 56.Kxf7 a3 57.Rb8+ Ka4 58.Ke6 a2 59.Kd5 a1Q 60.Kc6 Qc1+ 61.Kb7 Qb2+ 62.Ka8 Qxb8+ 63.Kxb8 a5 64.Kb7 Kb4 65.Kc6 a4 66.Kd6 a3 67.Kc6 a2 68.Kc7 a1Q 69.Kd6 Qd1+ 70.Ke7 Qd3 71.Kf6 Qd4+ 72.Kf5 Qc5+ 73.Ke6 Kc4 74.Kf6 Qd5 75.Ke7 Kd4 76.Kf6 Qe5+ 77.Kg6 Ke4 78.Kf7 ½-½ (78) Polyclinical (2801)-gmmitkov (2635) Blitz 2023

7.Qd3 c5 Huber,G: '!'Huber,G: 'undermines the center while white is a bit discoordinated, and earning at least equality.'Huber,G: 'unterminiert das Zentrum während Weiß ein wenig unkoordiniert steht und verschafft Schwarz so mindestens Ausgleich.' 8.dxc5 Nxc5
[8...Nc6]
9.Qe3 Nc6 10.Bb5 Ne6 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bb6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Qxd5 Bd7

7.a3 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie.
7...Ba5
[7...Nxc3 8.Qd3 Na2+N *(8...Ne4+ 9.axb4 Bg4 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Be2 Bf5 12.Qb5 b6 13.0-0 c6 14.Qa4 f6* 1-0 (40) Willmann,P-Eix,A Hassloch op-B 1997 (3)*)* 9.axb4 Nxb4 10.Qb3 N4c6 11.Bd3 Nxd4 12.Qa4+ Nbc6 13.0-0 Nxf3+ 14.Rxf3 Qe7 15.Bf4 Qb4 16.Qa2 Be6 17.c3 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 d4 19.Qa3 Qb3 20.Qc5 Qxb2 21.Raf1 Qxc3 22.Qb5 Qb4 23.Rb1 Qxb5 24.Rxb5 0-0-0 25.Rf1 Rd5 26.Rb2 Rc5 27.Rfb1 Na5 28.Bd2 Bd5 29.Bb4 b6 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.Rb8+ Kd7 32.Rxh8 c4 33.Bf5+ Kc6 34.Rxh7 c3 35.Rxg7 Nc4 36.Kg1 Ne3 37.Bd3 Bc4 38.Bxc4 Nxc4 39.Rg3 Kd5 40.h4 Ke4 41.h5 d3 42.Rg4+ Kd5 43.Rb5+ c5 44.Rb8 Nxe5 45.Rd8+ Kc6 46.Ra4 c2 47.Ra1 Nd7 48.h6 d2 49.Ra6+ Kb5 50.Rxd7 d1Q+ 0-1 (50) Beerdsen,T (2510)-Colville,J (2162) Chess.com INT 2025]
8.Qd3 c5 9.b4 cxb4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 b3+N
[11...0-0 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Bd3 Qg6 14.Qd5 Qb6 15.0-0 Be6 16.Qe4 g6 17.Qh4 h5 18.axb4 Bxb4 1-0 (25) Jossien,R (2287)-Roman,D (2084) FRA-chT1B 0809 2008 (4.6)]
12.Kf2 Bc3 13.Rb1 bxc2 14.Bb5+ Bd7 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Rxb7 0-0 17.Be3 Rc8 18.Rc1 f5 19.Qd5+ Kh8 20.Rxd7 Qe8 21.Rxc2 f4 22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 Rc3 24.Qd6 h6 25.Qe7 Qxe7 26.Rxe7 Rxa3 27.d5 1-0 (27) Beerdsen,T (2511)-Svane,R (2621) Chess.com INT 2025

[83] **7...Nc6** 8.Bd3 Bg4
[8...Nxd2 9.Qxd2 Bg4 10.a3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nxd4 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Ne6 14.f4 Nxf4 15.Bb5+

c6 16.Rhf1 Qg5 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Qxc6+ Ke7 19.Qd6+ Ke8 20.h4 Qg4 21.Qc6+ Ke7 22.Qc7+ Ke8 23.e6 fxe6 24.Rxf4 Qg6 25.Rdf1 Rd8 26.Rf7 1-0 (26) chess_lover2020 (2798)-StevenMM1 (2588) Blitz 2022]
[8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 f6 *(9...Bg4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe1 f5 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Ne5 Qe6 14.Rxf8+ Rxf8 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf5 17.Qe3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxc2 19.h3 b6 20.c4 Ba4 21.c5 Bc6 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Re1 Qd5 24.Re2 Bb5 25.Re1 Bc6 26.Re2 Bb5 27.Re1 Bc6* ½-½ (28) yoseph2013 (2705)-Igor9999999 (2423) Blitz 2024*)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.exf6 Nxf6 *(11...Qxf6 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Rxf8+ Qxf8 14.Qe2 Nxe5 15.Rf1 Qe7 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Bf4 Qxc3 18.Qh5 Be6 19.h3 Rf8 20.Kh2 c6 21.Be5 Qc5 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qg5 g6 24.Rf6 Bf5 25.Bd6* Normal 1-0 (25) yoseph2013 (2702)-Wasabiiii (2447) Blitz 2024*)* 12.Ne5 Qd6 13.Bf4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qc6 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Qg3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh4 Bg8 19.Rf3 Rae8 20.Raf1 Re6 21.Rg3 Re7 22.Qh6 Qe8 23.Rxf6 Re1+ 24.Kf2 1-0 (24) Jamorris94 (2751)-Hirschman2104 (2578) Blitz 2022]
9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qxd4 13.c3 Qxe5+ 14.Qe2 Qxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Bd6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kc2 Rhe8 18.Bg4+ Kb8 19.Rhf1 Ne5 20.Bf5 g6 21.Bh3 f5 22.Rde1 Nc4 23.Bc1 a5 24.Bg2 c6 25.b3 Ne5 26.h3 h5 27.Re2 Nd7 28.Rfe1 Rxe2+ 29.Rxe2 Bxg3 30.Re6 Ne5 31.Bg5 Rd7 32.Be3 h4 33.Bb6 Rc7 34.Bxc7+ Kxc7 35.Re7+ Kb6 36.a4 Bf4 37.Bf1 Nf3 38.b4 axb4 39.cxb4 Bd6 40.a5+ Ka7 41.Rd7 Bxb4 42.a6 Ne5 43.Rxb7+ Ka8 44.Rxb4 1-0 (44) MajestyOfSwords (2861)-TimeTrave1 (2846) Blitz 2023

7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3
[8.bxc3
A) 8...c5 9.Bd3
A1) 9...0-0 10.0-0 Nc6
A1a) 11.Qe1 Bf5 *(11...f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.dxc5 Qa5 14.Be3 Re8 15.Qd2 Bg4 16.Ng5 h6 17.Rxf6 gxf6 18.Nh7 Re6 19.Rf1 Kf7 20.Nxf6 Rxf6 21.Rxf6+ Kxf6 22.Qf2+ Ke7 23.Qh4+ Kf7 24.Qxg4 Qxc3 25.Qg6+ Ke7 26.Qd6+ Kf7 27.Qxd5+ Ke7 28.Qd6+ Kf7 29.Qxh6 Qa1+ 30.Bc1 Qd4+ 31.Be3 Qa1+ 32.Bf1 Rf8 33.Bf2 Qc3 34.h4 Ke7 35.Bd3 Qa1+ 36.Kh2 Qf6 37.Qxf6+ Rxf6 38.Bg3 Rf7 39.Bd6+ Ke6 40.g4 Rf2+ 41.Kg3 Rd2 42.h5 Ne5 43.Bf5+ Kd5 44.Kf4 Rf2+ 45.Kg5 Rxc2 46.h6 Rc4* 0-1 (46) wuzhaobing (2707)-mafiiiya (2647) Blitz 2022*)* 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Be3 cxd4 14.cxd4 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Rxf6 Qxf6 17.Nf3 Rf8 18.c3 h6 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nd2 Qg6 21.Qh4 Bf5 22.Rf1 b5 23.a3 a6 24.h3 Re8 25.Qf4 Bc8 26.Kh2 Ne7 27.c4 bxc4 28.Nxc4 Nd5 29.Qf2 Be6 30.Ne5 Qf6 31.Re1 Qe7 32.Qg3 Qxa3 33.Nc4 Qb3 34.Nd6 Re7 35.Nxe4 Bf7 36.Nc5 Qc3 37.Bf2 Rxe1 38.Qxc3 Nxc3 39.Bxe1 Ne2 40.Nxa6 Nxd4 41.Nc5 Bd5 42.Bf2 Nc6 43.Kg1 Kf7 44.Nd3 Be4

45.Nf4 g5 46.Ne2 Kg6 47.Ng3 Bd5 48.Nf1 h5 49.h4 Ne5 50.Ne3 Be4 51.hxg5 Kxg5 52.Kh2 Kf4 53.Kh3 Kg5 54.Bh4+ Kg6 55.Bg3 Nd3 56.Nc4 Kf5 57.Ne3+ Kg5 58.Nc4 Bf5+ 59.Kh2 Be6 60.Ne3 h4 61.Bc7 Kh5 62.Nf1 Kg4 63.Kg1 Kh5 64.Bh2 Nc1 65.Ne3 Ne2+ 66.Kf2 Nd4 67.Be5 Nb3 68.Bh2 Nc5 69.Nf1 Ne4+ 70.Kg1 Nf6 71.g3 h3 72.Ne3 Bg4 73.Kf2 Kg6 74.Kg1 Kg5 75.Nf1 Kf5 76.Kf2 Ke4 77.Ne3 Kd3 78.Nf1 Ne4+ 79.Ke1 Ng5 80.Bg1 Nf3+ 81.Kf2 Ke4 82.Nh2 Ne5 83.Nf3 Nxf3 84.Kf1 Nd2+ 85.Kf2 Nf3 86.Bh2 Nxh2 87.Kg1 Nf3+ 88.Kf2 Ng5 89.Kg1 Ne6 90.Kh2 Ke5 91.Kg1 Kf6 92.Kh2 Kg5 93.Kg1 Ng7 94.Kh2 Nh5 95.Kg1 Nf6 96.Kf1 Ne4 97.Ke1 Nf6 98.Kd2 Nd5 99.Kc1 Ne7 100.Kb2 Nc6 101.Ka1 Ne5 102.Kb2 h2 103.Ka3 Nc6 0-1 (103) Think_Fast_Move_Fast (2763)-Molt7n (2819) Blitz 2021;

A1b) 11.Qe2 cxd4 *(11...Bf5 12.Ng5 Bg6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 cxd4 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.e6 Qd5 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Rxf7 Qxf7 19.Rf1 Qd5 20.Qd3 Rf8 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.h3 Qf5 23.Qxf5+ gxf5 24.cxd4 Nxd4 25.Be3 Nc6 26.Kf2 Kf7 27.Kf3 a6 28.a3 Kf6 29.g4 g6 30.h4 Ne5+ 31.Kg3 Nxg4 32.Bd4+ Ke6 33.Kf4 Nh2 34.c3 b5 35.Kg3 Nf1+ 36.Kf4 Nd2 37.Bc5 Ne4 38.Bd4 Kd5 39.h5 gxh5 40.Kxf5 Nd2 41.Kg5 Nc4 42.Kxh5 Nxa3 43.Kg4 a5 44.Kf3 Kc4 45.Ke2 Nb1 46.Bb6 a4 47.Kd1 Nxc3+ 48.Kc2 b4 49.Bd8 a3 50.Bf6 b3+ 51.Kd2 b2 52.Bxc3 b1Q* 0-1 (52) Rzayev,B (2702)-Molt7n (2778) Blitz 2021*)*

12.cxd4 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bg5 Bg4 15.c3 Kh8 16.h3 Bh5 17.Qc2 Rc8 18.Bxh7 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Rxc2 21.Bxc2 Qb6 22.Rd1 Nd7 23.Rxf8+ Nxf8 24.Bb3 Ng6 25.Kh1 Qb4 26.h4 a5 27.Bxd5 b5 28.Be4 Qd6 29.Rc1 Nf8 30.Rc8 Kg8 31.Rd8 Qb4 32.Kh2 Kf7 33.Bd5+ Kg6 34.Kh3 a4 35.Be4+ Kf7 36.h5 Qc3+ 37.Kg4 Qb2 38.Bd5+ Ne6 39.Rd7+ Kf8 40.Bxe6 Qxg2+ 41.Kf5 Qh3+ 42.Ke5 Qg3+ 43.Bf4 Qe1+ 44.Kd5 Qh1+ 45.Kc5 Qxh5+ 46.d5 b4 47.Bd6+ Ke8 48.Rc7 Qg5 49.Rc8+ Qd8 50.Rxd8+ Kxd8 51.Kc6 1-0 (51) Masterwferrari (2711)-mufiks (2645) Blitz 2020;

A1c) 11.Be1 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Be2 Rc8 14.Rb1 b6 15.Kh2 f6 16.exf6 Qxf6 17.g4 Bg6 18.Nh4 Qd6+ 19.Kg2 Rxf1 20.Bxf1 Nxc3 21.Bxc3 Be4+ 22.Nf3 cxd4 23.Be1 Ne5 24.Bg3 Rxc2+ 25.Qxc2 Bxc2 26.Bxe5 Qa3 27.Re1 Be4 28.Rxe4 dxe4 29.Nxd4 Qxa2+ 30.Kg3 Qd5 31.Kf4 Qf7+ 32.Nf5 g6

33.Kxe4 gxf5+ 34.gxf5 Qb7+ 35.Kd4 Qd7+ 36.Ke4 Qc6+ 37.Kd4 Qc5+ 38.Ke4 Qc2+ 39.Kd4 Qd1+ 40.Bd3 Kf7 41.f6 b5 42.Ke4 Qh1+ 43.Kd4 Qg1+ 44.Kd5 a6 45.Be4 Qd1+ 46.Bd4 Qh5+ 47.Kd6 b4 48.Bd5+ Qxd5+ 0-1 (48) Jamorris94 (2767)-Anda_Cawwer (2768) Blitz 2022;

A2) 9...Nxd2 10.Qxd2 c4 11.Be2 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.h3 Nc6 14.Rf2 Qe7 15.Nh2 0-0-0 16.Bg4 Bxg4 17.Nxg4 h5 18.Ne3 g6 19.Raf1 Rh7 20.Rf6 Rd7 21.Qf2 Nd8 22.Qf3 Qa3 23.Nxd5 Qxa2 24.Nb4 Qa5 25.Rb1 Qb6 26.Rxb6 1-0 (26) Alexsur81 (2812)-BadChicken (2622) Blitz 2021;

B) 8...f6 9.Bd3 fxe5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nxe5 0-0 12.Qe2 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qh3 14.0-0-0 Bf5 15.Rhf1 Nc6 16.Bf4 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 c6 18.Rf4 Bg6 19.Rdf1 Rxf4 20.Rxf4 h6 21.Qc4+ Kh7 22.Qb4 Qd7 23.g4 a5 24.Qc4 b5 25.Qc5 Qe6 26.h4 Qxa2 27.h5 e3 28.hxg6+ Kg8 29.Kd1 Qb1+ 30.Ke2 Qxc2+ 31.Kxe3 Qxg6 32.Qe7 Re8 33.Qd7 Kh7 34.Rf7 Rg8 35.Qf5 a4 36.Ra7 h5 37.Qxh5+ Qxh5 38.gxh5 Kh6 39.Ke4 Kxh5 40.Bxg7 Kg6 41.Be5 Rc8 42.Ra6 Kg5 43.Ra7 Kg6 44.Rg7+ Kh6 45.Rg1 Kh7 46.Kf5 Re8 47.Rh1+ Kg8 48.Kg6 Rxe5 49.dxe5 c5 50.e6 Kf8 51.Kf6 b4 52.Rh8# 1-0 (52) yoseph2013 (2710)-lyxxj (2556) Blitz 2023;

C) 8...Bg4 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qe1 *(11.h3 Bh5 12.Qe1 Bg6 13.Be3 c4 14.Be2 Qa5 15.Bd2 0-0-0 16.Ng5 Nxg5 17.Bxg5 Rde8 18.Qd2 Kb8 19.a4 a6 20.Bf4 Ka8 21.Bf3 Bf5 22.Kh2 Be6 23.Bg3 h6 24.Rfb1 Rb8 25.Qe1 Rhc8 26.Rb5 Qd8 27.Qb1 Na7 28.Rb6 Rc6 29.Rb4 b6 30.Qc1 Kb7 31.Qf4 Kc8 32.Bh5 Rb7 33.Rf1 Qg8 34.Rbb1 a5 35.Rf2 b5 36.axb5 Nxb5 37.Qe3 Ra6 38.Bg4 Qe8 39.Qf4 a4 40.Qf3 Kb8 41.Ra1 a3 42.Bf4 a2 43.Bd2 Qd7 44.Rff1 Ra3 45.Bxe6 Qxe6 46.Qg3 Nxd4 47.Qxg7 Nxc2 48.Bf4 Nxa1 49.Qf8+ Kc7 50.Qxa3 Rb1 51.Qa7+ Kc6 52.Qa6+ Kd7 53.Qa7+ Kd8 54.Bg5+ Kc8 55.Rxf7 Qxe5+ 56.Bf4 Qxf4+ 57.Rxf4 Rb7 58.Rf8+ Kc7 59.Rf7+ Kd6 60.Qxb7 Ke5 61.Qa7 Ke4 62.Qxa2 Kd3 63.Qxa1 d4 64.Qf1+ Kc2 65.Rf3 Kb3 66.cxd4+ Kc2 67.Qc1+ Kxc1 68.Rc3+ Kd2 69.Rxc4 Kd3 70.Rc5 Ke2 71.Rh5 Kf1 72.Rxh6 Ke1 73.Rg6 Kf1 74.Rf6+ Ke1 75.h4 Ke2 76.g4 Ke1 77.d5 Kd2 78.d6 Ke1 79.Rf5 Ke2 80.d7 Ke1 81.d8Q Ke2 82.Qe7+ Kd3 83.Rf6 Kc4 84.Rc6+ Kb3 85.Rd6 Ka2 86.Qc7 Ka1 87.Rb6 Ka2 88.Qa7# 1-0 (88) Jamorris94 (2796)-SoundOfSIlence (2751) Blitz 2022)* 11...0-0 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 cxd4 15.Rd3 f5 16.Qf4 Qb6 17.cxd4 Rad8 18.c3 Qb2 19.Rf1 Qc2 20.Rg3 g6 21.h4 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Qxd2 23.h5 f4 24.Qe6+ Kg7 25.Qe7+ Rf7 26.h6+ Kxh6 27.Rh3+ Kg7 28.Qxd8 1-0 (28) yoseph2013 (2818)-Herzog2012 (2584) Blitz

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8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0 12.0-0 c6 13.Rae1 Nd7 14.e6 fxe6 15.Rxe6 Nf6 16.Ng5 h6 17.Rexf6 Rxf6 18.Qh7+ 1-0 (18) Vladimirovich9000 (2843)-No_leas_mi_nick12 (2469) Blitz 2024
7...Nxd2 Huber,G: '?!'Huber,G: 'wins a bishop for knight, but allows white to develop and coordinate his pieces much better than the other options.' Huber,G: 'gewinnt einen Läufer für einen Springer, aber gestattet dem Weißen, sich zu entwickeln und seine Figuren besser zu koordinieren als die anderen Möglichkeiten.' 8.Qxd2 Be6
[8...0-0 9.Bd3 *(9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bb6 11.Bd3 h6 12.g4 Bxg4 13.Rg1 f5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxh6 Qe7 16.Kd2 Bxd4 17.Rg3 Qxe5* 0-1 (17) Rivuza (2721)-Blend99 (2654) Blitz 2020*)* 9...c5 10.h4 *(10.a3 Ba5 11.dxc5 d4 12.Nxd4 g6 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.0-0-0 Nc6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Ng5 f5 17.exf6* 1-0 (17) Rzayev,B (2711)-take_over_the_world (2681) Blitz 2021 *)* 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Be2 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Bg4 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.Qf4 f6 16.Qxg4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Qa5 18.Nf5 g6 19.h5 g5 20.Rxd5 Qxc3 21.Ne7+ Kg7 22.h6+ Kh8 23.Qd7 f5 24.Nxf5 Rg8 25.Rh3 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Rae8 27.Re3 Rxe3 28.Nxe3 Qf6 29.Qc7 Re8 30.Ng4 Qa1 31.Ne5 1-0 (31) Gnojnyj (2765)-Last7Samurai (2679) Blitz 2020]
[8...Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.0-0-0 Huber,G: ' ±'Huber,G: 'and white is slightly better due to prospects for a kingside attack involving ideas like h4 and ♘g5 in Vorotnikov-Kuzmin, 1997.'Huber,G: 'und wegen der Möglichkeiten, am Königsflügel mit Ideen wie h4 und ♘g5 anzugreifen, hatte Weiß leichten Vorteil in Vorotnikov-Kuzmin, 1997.']
9.a3 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Nd7 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.Qd2 c5 13.c3 Bg4 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb6 17.Bf5 Rc7 18.Raf1 0-0 19.Kh1 Qc6 20.Rh3 h6 21.Rg3 Kh8 22.Qf4 Nb6 23.Qg4 Rg8 24.Bd3 Nc4 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qf4 Kg7 27.e6 fxe6 28.Rxg6+ Kh7 29.Qxh6# 1-0 (29) Suprisen (2825)-SweetDream2900 (2782) Blitz 2023
7...Bg4 Breutigam,Martin: '!?' Huber,G: 'continuing to generally harass white's pieces.'Huber,G: 'belästigt die weißen Figuren weiterhin.' 8.Bd3
[Breutigam,Martin: 'Or'Breutigam,Martin: 'Oder' 8.Nxe4 Huber,G: 'the only real try for an edge, but a bit risky. ' Huber,G: 'der einzige realistische Versuch, Vorteil zu erlangen, aber ein bisschen riskant.' dxe4 9.Bxb4= If everything else fails, a well-timed b4-b3 would save the c2-knight from troubles. exf3 Breutigam,Martin: 'And whereas White must above all first solve the problem of finding a safe spot for his king, Black can continue to develop naturally, mostly with ♘c6 and ...♕d5; e.g.
' Breutigam,Martin: 'Und während Weiß vor allem das Problem lösen muss, einen sicheren Ort für seinen König zu finden, kann sich Schwarz auf natürliche Weise weiter entwickeln, meist mit ...♘c6 und ...♕d5; z.B.
'

A) 10.gxf3 Breutigam,Martin: '?!' Huber,G: '?!'Huber,G: 'allows an

awkward check on h4.'Huber,G: 'gestattet ein unbequemes Schach auf h4.' Qh4+ 11.Ke2 *(11.Kd2* Huber,G: '!?'Huber,G: 'is an untested but interesting try.' Huber,G: 'ist ein in der Praxis noch nicht getesteter, aber interessanter, Versuch.' *Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 13.Kc1 Qxb4 14.c3* Huber,G: '∞') 11...Nc6 Huber,G: '∓'Huber,G: 'and white's king is a liability.'Huber,G: 'und der weiße König ist anfällig.' 12.fxg4 *(12.Bc3?* Yakovich,Y (2573)-Kovchan,A (2561)/Noyabrsk 2003/CBM 099/[Krasenkow] (1-0, 52) *Bh5 13.Ke3 Ne7 14.Be2 Nd5+ 15.Kd2 Qf4+ 16.Ke1 Ne3 17.Qd2 Qh4#* Breutigam,Martin: '0-1 (17) Narmontas,M (2381)-Gustafsson,J (2634) Warsaw 2008' *)* 12...Qxg4+ 13.Ke3 Qg5+ 14.Kd3 Nxb4+ 15.Kc3± Bareev,E (2645)-Maslak,K (2541)/Moscow Aeroflot 2009 (1-0, 43). The g7-bishop has remained passive and the black king is somewhat exposed.I would prefer a developing course, such as 15...c5 16.Bb5+ Nc6⩱ 17.Bxc6+ bxc6! Breutigam,Martin: '∓';

B) 10.Qd3 Huber,G: '!?'Huber,G: 'an interesting novelty, bolstering f3 and e4 but leaving white unable to interpose on f2 if black checks on h4. White's alternatives have been largely unsuccessful.'Huber,G: 'eine interessante Neuerung, die f3 und e4 verstärkt, aber Weiß nicht die Möglichkeit gibt, auf f2 dazwischen zu ziehen, wenn Schwarz auf h4 Schach gibt. Die weißen Alternativen zeitigten alle keinen Erfolg.' Nc6 11.Bc3 Qd5 Breutigam,Martin: '0-1 (40) Van der Weide,K (2471)-De Jong,J (2283) Gent 2004' Huber,G: '?!'Huber,G: 'less effective than after 10.♕d2 since f3 is better guarded now and ...♕e4+ now allows a queen exchange which favors white.' Huber,G: 'hier weniger wirkungsvoll als nach 10.♕d2, da f3 besser geschützt ist und ...♕e4+ jetzt Damentausch gestattet, der günstig für Weiß ist.' *(11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qh5 13.0-0-0 0-0-0* Huber,G: '∞' Huber,G: 'is likely black's best continuation, with mutual chances.' Huber,G: 'ist vermutlich die beste Möglichkeit für Schwarz, mit beidseitigen Chancen.' *14.Qe3 Ne7 15.Qf2 Nd5 16.Ba5 f6 17.h3 fxe5 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.dxe5 Nb6 20.Bc3 Bc6 21.g4 Qg5+ 22.Kb1 Kb8 23.Rhe1 h5 24.e6 hxg4 25.hxg4 Rhe8 26.Qg3 Na4 27.Be5 Qe7 28.Bg6 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rc8 30.Bf5 Nc5 31.Re1 Rg8 32.Bd4 g6 33.Qf2 b6 34.Bxc5 bxc5 35.Bd3 Bd5 36.b3 c4 37.bxc4 Bxe6 38.c3 Rf8 39.Bxg6 Qd6 40.Be4 Bxc4 41.Ka1 Qe5 42.Rb1+ Kc8 43.Qb2 Qxe4 44.Qb8+ Kd7 45.Qxf8 Qe2 46.Qg7+* ½-½ (46) PospaSil,L (2497)-Daus,P (2401) ICCF 2007*)* 12.Kf2 Huber,G: '?!' *(12.gxf3* Huber,G: '!' *Bxf3 13.Rg1* Huber,G: 'and white has good chances to coordinate and use the two bishops.'Huber,G: 'und Weiß verfügt über gute Chancen seine Figuren zu koordinieren und das Läuferpaar zu nutzen.' *0-0 14.Rg3 Be4 15.Qc4* Huber,G: '±') 12...f6 Huber,G: '?!' *(12...0-0-0*

Huber,G: ' ∞ 'Huber,G: 'creates some counterplay against d4 and white's exposed king.'Huber,G: 'mit Gegenspiel gegen d4 und den exponierten weißen König.') 13.Qc4 Huber,G: ' ! 'Huber,G: 'making white's king less nervous with the exchange of queens.'Huber,G: 'nach dem Damentausch braucht der weiße König nicht mehr so nervös zu sein.' Qxc4 14.Bxc4 fxg2 15.Rhe1 Huber,G: '?!' *(15.Rhg1* Huber,G: ' ± *')* 15...0-0-0 Huber,G: ' = 'Huber,G: 'black has now equalized, and white drifts into a worse position over the next moves.' Huber,G: 'Schwarz hat jetzt Ausgleich erzielt und Weiß driftet mit den nächsten Zügen in eine schlechtere Stellung.' 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Re4 Huber,G: '?!' *(17.d5* Huber,G: '=') 17...f5 18.Be6+ Kb8 19.Rf4 Ne7 20.d5 Rhe8 Huber,G: ' ∓' 21.h3 Ng6 22.Ra4 Bxh3 23.Kg3 Bg4 24.Kxg2 c6 25.Bf6 Rd6 26.c4 Rexe6 27.dxe6 Rxe6 Huber,G: ' ∓' 28.Bc3 Re2+ 29.Kf1 Nf4 30.Re1 Bh3+ 31.Kg1 Rg2+ 32.Kh1 Nd3 33.Re8+ Kc7 34.Bd4 Rg4 35.Bxa7 Bg2+ 36.Kh2 Be4 37.Bb8+ Kd7 38.Rf8 f4 39.c5 Rh4+ 40.Kg1 0-1 (40) 7.Bb3 Nc6 8.Nc3 b5 (2471)-Lenoir Ibacache,G (2283) Jugoslavija 10/609 2004 CBM 188 Extra [Mueller];

C) 10.Qd2 Huber,G: 'most common, but scoring rather poorly.' Huber,G: 'die beliebteste Fortsetzung, die allerdings ziemlich schlecht punktet.' 10...Nc6 11.Bc3 Qd5 Huber,G: 'with a complex position where white must be very careful about his king, especially since black has ...♕e4+ options in many lines.' Huber,G: 'transposes to 10...♘c6.'Huber,G: 'mit einer komplizierten Stellung, in der Weiß sehr auf seinen König achten muss, vor allem, da Schwarz in vielen Varianten über die Möglichkeit ...♕e4+ verfügt.' Huber,G: 'mit Übergang in die Variante mit 10...♘c6.' 12.h3= *(12.gxf3 Bxf3 13.Rg1* Huber,G: ' ∞ 'Huber,G: 'is likely white's best, with mutual chances.' Huber,G: 'ist wahrscheinlich die beste Möglichkeit für Weiß, mit beidseitigen Chancen.' *)*

C1) 12...Bh5 13.g4 *(13.gxf3 Bxf3 14.Rg1 0-0-0)*

C1a) 13...f2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxh1 15.gxh5 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Qd5 17.b3 Kb8 *(17...Nxe5? 18.Qf5+)* 18.Bg2;

C1b) 13...Bg6 14.b3 Δ0-0-0 Qe4+ *(14...f2+ 15.Kxf2 Qxh1 16.Bg2 Qh2 17.Rh1)* 15.Kf2;

C2) 12...Be6?! 13.gxf3!∓ 0-0-0? 14.0-0-0 Qxa2 15.Qe3∓ Just three (!) days later, the following game was played: 15...Ne7 16.Bd3 Nd5 17.Qe1 Kb8 Bangiev: ' ∓ ' 18.h4 Breutigam,Martin: '½-½ (18) Ljubojevic,L (2550)-Ciocaltea,V (2470) Skopje 1972']

[8.Be2± Yakovich,Y (2596)-Shomoev,A (2487)/Sochi 2004/CBM 100 ext (1/2, 33). The position is almost symmetrical, but White's pieces are more active. Huber,G: 'leads to mass exchanges and promises nothing for white.' Huber,G: 'führt zu Massenabtausch und verspricht Weiß nichts.' Another way to delay the

knight's development is 8...Nc6 *(8...c5; 8...Nxd2 9.Qxd2 0-0 10.0-0 c5 11.a3 cxd4 12.axb4 dxc3 13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Qf4 Bh5 15.Rad1 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Rad8 17.b5 Ne7 18.Ra1 Rc8 19.Bd3 Bg6 20.Qd4 Rc5 21.e6 f6 22.Qb4 Rfc8 23.Nd4 R8c7 24.Ra3 Bxd3 25.cxd3 Ng6 26.Rd1 h6 27.g3 Ne5 28.Kg2 Ng4 29.Re1 Ne5 30.Rd1 Ng4 31.Rd2 Ne5 32.h3 Kh7 33.Qb2 Re7 34.Qc2 Rec7 35.Qb2 Re7 36.Qc2 Rec7 37.Re2 g6 38.Rf2 Kg7 39.Rf1 Re7 40.Qd2 Rxe6 41.Nxe6+ Qxe6 42.d4 Nc4 43.Re1 Qf7 44.Qe2 Rxb5 45.Ra2 a6 46.Qe7 Rb3 47.Qd8 Rxc3 48.Re7 Ne3+ 49.Kg1 Nf5 50.Rxf7+ Kxf7 51.Qxd5+ Kg7 52.Qxb7+ Kg8 53.Rxa6 Rxg3+ 54.Kf2* 1-0 (54) maestroangel (2783)-MyChessSins (2504) Rapid 2021*)* 9.0-0 0-0 In practice, White has constantly obtained the slightly more pleasant position. 10.Kh1 I believe that this untested move is the only way to question the viability of White's plan. f5 11.exf6 Rxf6 12.Be1! White cannot parry the threat ♘xe4 without making some concession. Had he played the normal 8.♘f3 instead of 8.♗e3, both 12.♗d2 and 12.0-0 would have neutralised Black's initiative. The way it is, the former simply loses a tempo, while the latter is illegal. Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.Qd3 Rh6 15.h3 Breutigam,Martin: '?' Bxh3 16.gxh3 Rxh3+ 17.Kg2 Qe6 18.Rg1 Rf8 19.Kf1 Rh2 20.Bg3± Alekseev,E (2708)-Pelletier,Y (2569)/Biel 2008/CBM 126 (1-0, 43) Rxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Nd2+ 22.Qxd2 Rxd2 23.c4 Qf6 Breutigam,Martin: '0-1 (23) Yam,A (2306)-Krnan,T (2428) Guelph 2015']

8...Nxd2!? Breutigam,Martin: '!' [Breutigam,Martin: 'Since' Breutigam,Martin: 'Denn' 8...Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qh4+ Breutigam,Martin: 'could soon lead to an exchange of queens, after which the central position of the white king would no longer count for anything:' Breutigam,Martin: 'könnte bald zum Damentausch führen, wonach die zentrale Stellung des weißen Königs nicht mehr ins Gewicht fiele: ' 10.g3 Nxd2 11.Kxd2 It may seem that the c2-knight is in danger, but the b6-knight is exposed, too. Qh6+ 12.Qf4 Breutigam,Martin: ' ± ' Breutigam,Martin: '1-0 (42) Hector,J (2550)-Petersen,S (2159) Copenhagen 2007']

9.Qxd2 Bxf3!?N Black forces the enemy bishop to occupy a vulnerable square. 10.gxf3 A pawn is a pawn, but in this case it costs White a lot of time. Everything is prepared now for Black to get quickly mobilized. 10...Nc6 Judging from the relatively high speed with which Kamsky played during this phase of the game, we may assume that this move was part of his preparation still. There is another possibility, though. Having lost the previous game because of getting into desperate time trouble, he may have decided to play quickly at any cost. In any case, I am sceptical about his last move. Black is insufficiently well developed for weakening his position in such radical way. 11.Bb5 Qh4+ 12.Qf2 This move has the drawback of opening the long diagonal for the Gruenfeld bishop. 12...Qh6 Breutigam,Martin: 'Because the white king is potentially in danger,

Black should avoid the exchange of queens.

' Breutigam,Martin: 'Weil der weiße König potentiell gefährdet ist, sollte Schwarz den Damentausch vermeiden.

' 13.0-0

[Breutigam,Martin: 'The king would not be one hundred percent safe on the other side of the board either, e.g.

' Breutigam,Martin: 'Auf der anderen Brettseite stände der König auch nicht hundertprozentig sicher, z.B.

' 13.f4 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 The a1-knight is impossible to trap while White is underdeveloped still. Bxc3!? is an interesting way to maintain the tension, but it does not seem to offer more than just equality. 15.bxc3 Na5]

13...0-0-0 For the first time in the match, Topalov had spent more time than Kamksy at this height of the game. We may assume that the Bulgarian grandmaster was taken out of his home preparation rather early, but can only guess until which point Kamsky was on familiar paths, since he soon started thinking a lot.

14.Ne2 Be7! A strong move, aimed to eliminate the defender of the e4-pawn and c2-square.

15.f4 Kb8 Breutigam,Martin: '∓' Breutigam,Martin: 'Since the black king would still be somewhat safer than the white one.

' Breutigam,Martin: 'Denn der schwarze König steht nach wie vor etwas sicherer als der weiße.

' 16.Rad1 Bh4 17.Qg2 Ne7 18.Rf3 f5 19.Rh3 Rhg8 20.Kh1 g5 21.fxg5 Rxg5 22.Qf3 Rg4 23.Bd3 Qg5 24.Rf1 Rf8 25.Qe3 The position looks dangerous for Black. If White manages to advance his pawns to f4 and g3 and consolidate his knight with the help of his king, he could blackmail his opponent with the threat of exchanging queens. In a pure knight versus bishop ending, all the black pawns would remain vulnerable. 25...f4! 26.Qc1 c5! Black has managed to drive the annoying knight away from the centre, which offers some freedom of action to his king.

27.Ng1 Nf5 28.Nf3 Qh6 29.Bxf5 Rxf5 30.Rg1 Rfg5 31.Rxg4 Rxg4 32.Qe1 Bxe1 33.Rxh6 Both sides have achieved almost absolute stability and a draw is the most likely result.

33...Bf2 34.dxc5 Rg7 35.b4 a5 36.a3 Be3 37.c6 White is not willing to weaken his structure with 37...a4 Black would continue with 38.Rd6 , leaving the g2-pawn vulnerable.

38...bxc6 would be premature because of 39.Rxc6 and White's stability would not be threatened in any way. It is difficult to say whether the intermediate 39...Rc7 would have been better. The pros of this move are that the king is driven away from the centre and forced to occupy a light square, which may allow an intermediate bishop check later. This is a rare case when Kamsky played his move almost instantly. Curiously it was precisely the moment when he had an alternative worth considering. His move leads to a position where Black needs to play carefully in order to maintain equality, while 40.Rxc7 would have offered him chances to fight for the initiative, for instance 40...Kxc7 41.c3 Kd7

42.Nd4 Bc1 43.Nb5 Ke6 44.Kg2 Black has a strong initiative for the sacrificed exchange. I suspect Topalov would have liked to switch sides, since he is a great specialist in sacrificing exchanges himself. When choosing the simplifying continuation, Kamsky may have found himself under the impression of the previous game in which he failed to convert his advance in development and initiative into anything concrete. This time, he preferred to play with equal pawns... The more solid 44...Kxe5 fails to stabilize the position. 45.Kf3 Taking the d7-square away from the b6-knight and threatening to trap it with ♘e8 or ♘h5. 45...Bb2 Preparing the return of the knight with ♘c4. 46.Ke2 Ke4 47.Nd6+ Ke5 48.Nb5 Black is two tempi ahead in development and the white centre is vulnerable. 48...Ke4 49.Nd6+ Ke5 is too risky because of 50.Nb5 Ke4 ½-½ (50) Topalov,V (2796)-Kamsky,G (2725) Sofia 2009 CBM 129 [Marin,Mihail]

[84] **8.Bb5+** Nc6 Postny,Evgeny: 'Postny,E: 'has appeared in practice as well, with good results for Black." Postny,Evgeny: 'appeared in practice as well, with good results for Black. Postny,E: 'has appeared in practice as well, with good results for Black."

[8...Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 10.Nxe4 *(10.0-0 Bxc3)* 10...dxe4 11.Bxb4 exf3]

9.0-0

[9.dxc5 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qd4 Bf5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rf2 Rab8 16.h3 Rb5 17.Ng5 Bg6 18.e6 f6 19.e7 Re8 20.Rxf6 gxf6 21.Qxf6 Qc7 22.Re1 Rb7 23.Qe6+ Kg7 24.Qd6 Qd7 25.Qe5+ Kg8 26.Ne6 Qxe7 27.h4 Qf7 0-1 (27) Jamorris94 (2791)-Gutemaus2019 (2640) Blitz 2023]

9...0-0 Huber,G: '='Huber,G: 'is still complex, though the many upcoming exchanges will lead to roughly equal positions.'Huber,G: 'führt zu einer noch immer komplexen Stellung, aber die vielen kommenden Abtäusche werden zu in etwa ausgeglichenen Stellungen führen.' 10.Bxc6

[10.a3 Bxc3 'N' 11.Bxc3 Nxc3 *(11...Qb6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.dxc5 Qxc5+ 14.Bd4 Qe7* Black is again better due to the strong knight and the option of ...c6-c5.*)* 12.bxc3 c4 *(12...Qb6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rb1 Qa5 15.dxc5 Qxc5+ 16.Qd4 Qxa3 17.Ra1 Qe7 18.c4 Rd8 19.c5 Bf5 20.c3 Be4 21.Nd2 Bg6 22.Nb3 Re8 23.Rfe1 h6 24.Na5 Rac8 25.Ra2 Qg5 26.h4 Qe7 27.Rb2 Be4 28.Nc4 dxc4 29.Rxe4 Rcd8 30.Qxc4 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Red8 32.Rf2 R8d5 33.e6 fxe6 34.Qa6 Qxc5 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Ref4 Qd6 37.Qf8 Qxf8 38.Rxf8 R1d3 39.R2f7 Rd7 40.Rxd7 Rxd7 41.Re8 Rd3 42.c4 Rc3 43.Rxe6 Rxc4 44.Re7 a5 45.Ra7 a4 46.h5 Rh4+ 47.Kg3 Rxh5 48.Rxa4 Rg5+ 49.Kf3 c5 50.Ra7 h5 51.Rc7 Kh6 52.g3 g6 53.Kf4 Rf5+ 54.Ke4 Kg5 55.Rc6 Rf6 56.Rxc5+ Rf5 57.Rxf5+ gxf5+ 58.Ke5 Kg4 59.Kf6 Kxg3* 0-1 (59) Elbece (2708)-TimeToSmile (2583) Blitz 2024*)* 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qd2 Rb8 15.Qf4 Qb6 16.Rf2 Qb2 17.Raf1 Rb7 18.h4 Qxa3

19.h5 h6 20.g4 Qe7 21.Qg3 Qd7 22.Rg2 g5 23.Nh2 Qe7 24.Rf6 Kh7 25.Qe1 a5 26.Qa1 Ra7 27.Qa4 Bd7 28.Nf3 Rfa8 29.Rf2 Bxg4 30.Nh2 Be6 31.Nf1 Qe8 32.Ne3 Re7 33.Rf1 Raa7 34.Rb1 Kg7 35.Kh2 Qc8 36.Kg3 Ra6 37.Rbf1 c5 38.Kh2 Rc7 39.R1f3 Rca7 40.Rf2 Qb8 41.R2f3 Qd8 42.Rf1 Qh8 43.R1f2 Qc8 44.Kg3 Bh3 45.R6f3 Rb7 46.Kh2 Bg4 47.Rg3 Bxh5 48.Nxd5 cxd4 49.cxd4 Rb1 50.Nf6 Bg6 51.Qa3 Rxf6 52.Rxf6 Qb7 53.Rg1 Qe4 54.Rxb1 Qxc2+ 55.Kg3 Qxb1 56.Qf3 c3 57.Kf2 Qa2+ 58.Kg3 c2 59.Rc6 Kh7 60.e6 c1R 61.Rxc1 Qxe6 62.Kf2 Be4 63.Qe3 a4 64.Ke1 Bd5 65.Qxe6 fxe6 66.Rc7+ Kg6 67.Ra7 Bb3 68.Kf2 Kf5 69.Kf3 Bd1+ 70.Kf2 Ke4 71.Rh7 Bb3 72.Rxh6 a3 73.Rh1 Kxd4 74.Kg3 a2 75.Kg4 e5 76.Kxg5 e4 77.Kf6 e3 78.Ke7 e2 79.Kd6 a1Q 80.Rxa1 Bd1 81.Ra5 e1Q 82.Rd5+ Kc3 83.Rc5+ Kb4 84.Re5 Qg3 85.Kd5 Bf3+ 86.Ke6 Bg4+ 87.Kd5 Qd3+ 88.Kc6 Qd7+ 89.Kb6 Bf3 90.Rb5+ Qxb5+ 91.Kc7 Bg4 92.Kd6 Qc5# 0-1 (92) Liteofthenewyear (2781)-PetersBot (3045) Blitz 2025]

[10.Qe1 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxe5 13.Rae1 Nc4 *(13...Ng4 14.Be2 Qc7 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.a3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 f6 19.Re7 Rf7 20.Rfe1 Bd7 21.R7e3 Rc8 22.Kf2 Rc4 23.Nb3 b6 24.Rd1 Rf4+ 25.Kg3 Re4 26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.Kf4 g5+ 28.Kxe4 Bc6+ 29.Kd3 Bxg2 30.Rg1 Bh3 31.c4 Rc7 32.Nd4 Rc5 33.Kc3 Kf7 34.Nb3 Rc7 35.Kb4 Bd7 36.Nd4 Be6 37.Nxe6 Kxe6 38.Rg2 Rc5 39.Kc3 h5 40.a4 g4 41.Kd4 f5 42.Re2+ Kf6 43.Kd3 f4* 0-1 (43) Raffaele,E (2409)-Blauhut,H (2360) ICCF email 2003*)* 14.Bxc4 dxc4= Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo,Krisztian: 'Cedelind-Kretschmar, 1973-75']

10...bxc6 11.a3

[11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxb4 cxb4 13.Ne1 f5 14.c3 bxc3 15.bxc3 f4 16.Qe2 Qd5 17.Nc2 Rb8 18.Rac1 Be6 19.Nb4 Rxb4 20.cxb4 Qxd4+ 21.Qf2 e3 22.Qe2 Bd5 23.e6 Qxb4 24.Qg4 h5 25.Qe2 Qe4 0-1 (25) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Lafarga Santorroman,D (2572) ICCF 2006]

11...Ba5 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxa5 Qxa5 14.Ng5 cxd4 15.Qh5 h6 16.Nxf7 Ba6 17.Nxh6+ gxh6 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Rf6 Rxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Qg4+ Kh8 28.Qh4+ Kg8 29.Qg5+ Kh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Qh3+ Kg8 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Qh3+ Kg8 35.Qe6+ ½-½ (35) Cshuki (2896)-MothAndTheFlame (2795) Blitz 2021 Breutigam,Martin: 'Not'Breutigam,Martin: 'Nicht' **8.Nxe4** Postny,Evgeny: '?!' Breutigam,Martin: '?'Meulders,Richard: 'As White has fianchettoed his other bishop, playing ♗g5 means White will have to exchange it for a black knight or be forced to waste tempi retreating it, as is illustrated by this game.' 8...dxe4 Meulders,Richard: 'Tadic,Branko: 'N' 'N"

[8...Bxd2+ 9.Nexd2 1-0 (9) Lugh_King_2024 (2794)-TLauncher-2024 (2533) Rapid 2024]

9.Bxb4 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!'

[9.Bb5+ Nc6

A) 10.c3 exf3 11.Qxf3 0-0

(11...Ba5 Szabo,Krisztian: 'is also fine, but after' *12.d5 Qb6* transposes to a possibility a move later. *13.a4* Tadic,Branko *a6 14.Qg3 g6 15.e6 axb5 16.exf7+ Kxf7 17.0-0+∞* Δ Nd3, f4 Tadic, Branko: 'Δ ♘d3, f4' *Bf5!? 18.dxc6 Rhg8 19.axb5* Szabo,Krisztian: '⩲' Szabo,Krisztian: 'leads to a really unclear position, where Black is up a piece, but the engine considers equal because the black king is in the middle.') 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.cxb4 Qh4+ 14.Qf2= Qe4+?? 15.Qe3 Qxe3+ 16.Bxe3-+ cxb4 17.Rc1 Bd7 Szabo,Krisztian: '=';

B) 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Bxb4 cxb4 12.Ng1 e3 13.Qd3 Qg5 14.Ne2 Bf5 15.Qc4 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 0-0 17.Rhg1 Qd5 18.Qxd5 cxd5 19.Rg3 Rac8 20.c3 f6 21.Rxe3 Be4 22.Ng3 Bg6 23.e6 Rc7 24.h4 h5 25.Kd2 Rb8 26.Rc1 bxc3+ 27.Rexc3 Rxb2+ 28.Ke3 Rxc3+ 29.Rxc3 Rxa2 30.Rc8+ Kh7 31.e7 Ra3+ 32.Kf4 Rd3 33.Ne2 Rh3 34.e8Q Rxh4+ 35.Kg3 Rg4+ 36.Kf3 Bxe8 37.Rxe8 Kg6 38.Nf4+ Kf5 39.Nxh5 Rxd4 40.Nxg7+ Kg6 41.Ne6 Rb4 42.Nf4+ Kf7 43.Ra8 Rb3+ 44.Kg4 Rb7 45.Kf5 Ke7 46.Nxd5+ Kd6 47.Nxf6 Kc5 48.Ne4+ Kb4 49.Nd6 Rb6 50.Nc8 Rb5+ 51.Ke4 a5 52.Nd6 Rb6 53.Kd5 a4 54.Nc4 Rb7 55.Nd6 Rb6 56.Kd4 a3 57.Nc4 Rb7 58.Nxa3 Rd7+ 59.Ke3 Rc7 60.Kd2 Rd7+ 61.Kc1 Rc7+ 62.Nc2+ Kc3 63.Ra3+ Kc4 64.Kb2 Rb7+ 65.Ka2 Rc7 66.Ne3+ Kd4 67.Nd1 Rc1 68.Nb2 Rc3 69.Ra8 Rc6 70.Rd8+ Kc5 71.Kb3 Rb6+ 72.Kc3 Kc6 73.Nc4 Kc7 74.Rh8 Rg6 75.Kb4 Rg5 76.Rh7+ Kd8 77.Rh6 Ke8 78.Nd6+ Ke7 79.Nc8+ Kd7 80.Nb6+ Ke7 81.Kc4 Rg4+ 82.Kc5 Rg5+ 83.Nd5+ Kf7 84.Kd4 Kg7 85.Rc6 Rg4+ 86.Ke5 Rg5+ 87.Ke4 Rg4+ 88.Kf5 Rg1 89.Rc7+ Kh6 90.Nf4 Rg7 91.Rc6+ Kh7 92.Nh5 Kg8 93.Nxg7 1-0 (93) Niksss2023 (2819)-SaxKaiGoal (2665) Blitz 2023]

[9.c3 exf3 10.Qxf3 0-0 *(10...Ba5 11.Bc4 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qh5 Nc6= 15.Bg5?!* Tadic,Branko *Qe8 16.Rf4* Szabo,Krisztian: '⩲' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and White has a powerful attack for the sacrificed piece. ' *)* 11.cxb4 Nc6⩱ 12.Bd3 Nxd4 13.Qe3 Qh4+ 14.Qf2 Qxf2+= 15.Kxf2? Nc6! Surely there's nothing wrong with just taking the pawn: 16.Be4! Tadic,Branko: ' ▱' '▱' cxb4 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Bxb4∓ Re8∓ Tadic,Branko Szabo,Krisztian: '=']

9...cxb4 Meulders,Richard: 'Tadic, Branko: '!?' '!?'' 10.Ng1

[10.Nd2 Qxd4 11.Nc4 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 0-0 13.Be2 Nc6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rf4 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Nxe5 17.Bb3 a5 18.Rxe4 Ng6 19.Rd7 b5 20.h4 Rad8 21.Bxf7+ Kh8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.h5 Nf8 24.Be8 Rd2 25.Bxb5 Rxc2 26.Re8 Kg8 27.Ba4 Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Kf7 29.Ra8 Rc5 30.Bb3+ Ke7 31.Ra7+ Kd6 32.g4 g6 33.h6 Nd7 34.Ba4 Nf6 35.Kg3 Rc1 36.g5 Rg1+ 37.Kf3 Rxg5 38.Bb3 Rh5 39.Rf7 Nd7 40.Rxh7 Nc5 41.Bc2 Rh2 42.Bxg6 Rxb2 43.Ra7 Rxa2 44.Bh5 Rh2 45.Kg4 Rg2+ 46.Kh4 Rh2+ 47.Kg5 Ne6+

48.Kg4 Rg2+ 49.Kf3 Rh2 50.Kg4 Rg2+ 51.Kh3 Nf4+ 52.Kh4 Rh2+ 53.Kg4 Nxh5 54.Kg5 Ng3 55.Rxa5 b3 56.Rb5 b2 57.h7 Rxh7 58.Rxb2 Re7 59.Kf6 Re6+ 60.Kg5 Re5+ 61.Kf4 Ne4 62.Rb6+ Kd5 63.Rb5+ Nc5 64.Rxc5+ Kxc5 65.Kxe5 ½-½ (65) CXCX83 (2726)-JoeAssaad (2646) Blitz 2023]

[Szabo,Krisztian: 'In case of' 10.Bb5+-+ Nc6 11.d5! *(11.Ng1* and a draw must be the outcome. *0-0!* Tadic,Branko*)* 11...exf3 12.dxc6 f2+ Szabo,Krisztian: '!' Szabo,Krisztian: 'Great intermediate move!' 13.Kf1 *(13.Kxf2* Szabo,Krisztian: '?' Szabo,Krisztian: 'isn't works because of' *Qb6+* Szabo,Krisztian: '-+' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and Black wins.'*)* 13...Qb6 14.Qe2 bxc6 15.Bd3 Be6 Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and Black is better.']

10...0-0 Meulders,Richard: '!' Postny,Evgeny: ' ∓' Postny,Evgeny: '1-0 (54) Andreikin,D (2683)-Kramnik,V (2791) Moscow 2010'Meulders,Richard: 'Ignoring ♗xb7, since this doesn't yield White an advantage. '

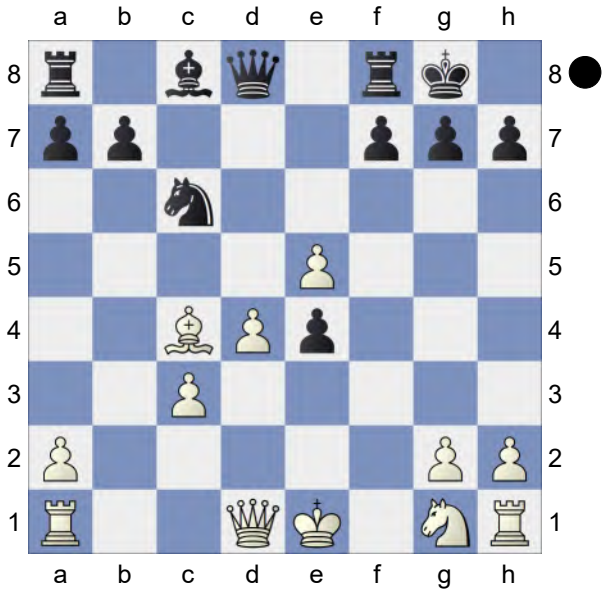
[10...Nc6 11.Bb5 Meulders,Richard: 'and a draw must be the outcome.' 0-0 Meulders,Richard: '!' Meulders,Richard: 'Tadic,Branko' Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qd2 Bxe2 15.Kxe2 Qb6 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Qe3 Qa6+ 18.Kf2 Qxa2 19.Qxe4 Qxb2 20.Rhf1 Qc3 21.Kg1 Qc4 22.Rf4 Qd5 23.Qd3 c5 24.Rh4 h6 25.Qg3 Kh8 26.Qf4 Kg8 27.Rd3 Qa2 28.h3 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 cxd4 30.Qxd4 a5 31.Rg4 Qxc2 32.e6 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qc7+ 34.Kh1 fxe6 35.g3 b3 36.Qe3 b2 0-1 (36) satlan (2756)-SaxKaiGoal (2757) Blitz 2024]

11.Bc4

[11.Qd2 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' Nc6 12.Ne2↑ Bg4? Szabo,Krisztian: '-+']

11...Qc7

[11...Nc6 Breutigam,Martin: '∓' Breutigam,Martin: 'Andreikin,D (2683)-Kramnik,V (2791) 1-0 (54) , Blitz, Moscow 2010. ' 12.c3 Szabo,Krisztian: '?' Szabo,Krisztian: 'After this huge mistake, Black's position will be hard.' *(12.Ne2! Bg4 13.c3 Na5 14.Bb3 Rc8 15.Qc2↑ Nxb3 16.axb3 e3* Szabo,Krisztian: '∓' *)* 12...bxc3 13.bxc3 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram



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A) 13...Qc7∓ '!' Szabo,Krisztian: 'is the best continuation.' 14.Bb3 Tadic,Branko Nxe5↑ Szabo,Krisztian: '!' Szabo,Krisztian: 'Nice combination!' 15.dxe5∓ Tadic,Branko Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!' Qxe5 17.Rc1 Qf4+ *(17...Qf6+ 18.Ke1 Be6* Black has three pawns for a knight, better development, and a much

safer king. He should win. 1-0 (18) Andreikin,D (2683)-Kramnik,V (2791) Moscow 2010*)* 18.Ke1∓ Bg4⩱ Tadic,Branko ⩲19.Ne2 Tadic,Branko Bxe2 20.Qd2 Qxd2+!↑ Δ Nh4 Tadic,Branko: 'Δ ♘h4' 21.Kxd2!? Tadic,Branko Bb5 Szabo,Krisztian: '-+' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and Black is completely winning.';

B) Kramnik actually played 13...Qg5 Tadic,Branko: '!' '!' '?' Szabo,Krisztian: '?' Szabo,Krisztian: 'is a logical, but a bad move. Black is still better, but he is not winning.'Intending to make the bishop waste some more tempi after the advance ...e5 14.Qe2? There are two moves that look better than this voluntary retreat: Bf5 15.Nh3 Bxh3! Solving the problem of developing the ♗c8. 16.gxh3? Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!' e3?! '?' Now 16...Na5 would have kept the advantage. He played 16...e3? and went on to lose. Szabo,Krisztian: '?' *(16...Rac8-+ 17.Qxe4? Nxe5∓* Szabo,Krisztian: '!' *18.dxe5 Rc5* Szabo,Krisztian: '!' *19.Bd5 Re8-+ 20.h4* Tadic,Branko *Qxe5 21.Bxf7+ Kxf7↑ 22.0-0+* Tadic,Branko *Kg8 23.Qxb7 Kh8* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓'*)* 17.0-0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' *(* Szabo,Krisztian: 'White should have played '*17.Qg4* Szabo,Krisztian: '!' *Qxg4!-+* Giving up the exchange offers no relief: *18.hxg4 Rac8 19.Bb3 Na5 20.Rc1* Szabo,Krisztian: '⩱' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and he has better chances.' *)* 17...Rac8 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' *(17...Na5 18.Bd3 Rac8* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓'*)* 18.Bb3 *(18.Rhg1* Szabo,Krisztian: '∞' Szabo,Krisztian: 'is also good.' *)* 18...Na5 *(18...b5-+ 19.Rhe1* Tadic,Branko *Na5* Szabo,Krisztian: '∞' *)* 19.Kb2 Nxb3 20.axb3? Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!'This must be the last chance White had of keeping the balance: f6 Szabo,Krisztian: '?'White's hesitant and inconsistent play has given Black a comfortable position. He is now preparing to take the initiative. *(20...f5 21.Rhg1 Qh6* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∞'*)* 21.e6 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' *(21.Rhg1* Tadic,Branko *Qh6* Tadic,Branko *22.e6 f5 23.d5* Szabo,Krisztian: '+-' *)* 21...Qd5 22.Qxe3?! In a higher sense, it might be said all this time-wasting with the dark-squared bishop is one of the main reasons for White's eventual downfall. Rfe8 23.Rhe1 Rc6∓ Black's position is solid like a rock and he now starts to open the position further, so that his two bishops will deploy greater activity. 24.c4 Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!' Rcxe6 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Rxe6 Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!' Rxe6 27.d5 Re2+ 28.Kc3 Kf7∓ 29.c5 Ke8 30.Ra1 Szabo,Krisztian: '?' *(30.h4 f5 31.b4* Szabo,Krisztian: '±' and the black king walks in via the dark squares.*)* 30...a6 Of course Black declines the repetition of moves after ...♖e8. 31.c6 Tadic,Branko: '?!' '?!' bxc6 32.dxc6 Kd8 Tadic,Branko: '∓' '∓' 33.Rxa6 Kc7!-+ 34.b4 Re5 35.Kc4 Re4+ Black is in no hurry. He is waiting for White to crack

under the pressure. 36.Kc5 Re5+ 37.Kc4 Re4+! Tadic,Branko: '-+' '-+' The contrast between Black's and White's light-squared bishops could not be greater. This move decides the game. If White hangs on to his queen, his queenside pawns will be gobbled up. So White makes a desperate attempt to hang on. 38.Kb5 Re5+ 39.Ka4 Re1 40.Kb3 Rb1+ 41.Kc4 f5 Szabo,Krisztian: '?' Szabo,Krisztian: 'The final mistake!' *(Szabo,Krisztian: 'Black should have played' 41...Rc1+ 42.Kb5 Kd6 Szabo,Krisztian: '=!')* 42.b5 *(42.Kb5-+ Szabo,Krisztian: '+-' Szabo,Krisztian: 'is also winning. ')* 42...f4 43.Ra7+ Kd6 44.Rd7+ Ke6 45.Rd2 f3 46.Rf2 Rc1+ 47.Kb4 Rb1+ 48.Kc5 Rc1+ 49.Kb6 Rc3 50.Kb7 Kd6 51.Rf1 g5 Bringing White into zugzwang 52.b6 h5 53.c7 Kd7 54.Rxf3 0-1 (54) Andreikin,D (2722)-Nakamura,H (2764) Baku 2014 CBM 163 [Meulders,Richard]]

12.Bb3 Nc6 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.c3

[14.0-0 Rad8 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxe5 17.h3 Bxh3 18.Qc2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Ng4 20.Qxe4 Qh2+ 21.Kf3 Rde8 22.Qxg4 Qxe2+ 23.Kg3 Re3+ 24.Rf3 1-0 (24) GABUZYAN_CHESSMOOD (2846)-toomanymanoevres (2924) Blitz 2024]

14...Rad8 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 Rxd4 18.Rad1 Rd3 19.e6 fxe6 20.Rxd3 exd3+ 21.Qxd3 Qe5+ 22.Qe3 Qxe3+ 23.Kxe3 Kf7 24.Rf1+ Ke7 25.Rxf8 Kxf8 26.Bxe6 Ke7 27.Bg8 h6 28.Bd5 Kd6 29.Ke4 b5 30.Bxc6 Kxc6 31.Kf5 Kd5 32.Kg6 Kc4 33.Kxg7 Kxc3 34.g4 a5 35.Kxh6 b4 36.g5 a4 37.g6 b3 38.axb3 axb3 39.g7 b2 40.g8Q b1Q 41.Qg3+ Kd4 42.Qg4+ Ke3 43.h4 Qb8 44.Qg7 Kf3 45.h5 Qe8 46.Qf6+ Ke3 47.Qg5+ Kf3 48.Qf5+ Ke3 49.Kg7 Qe7+ 50.Qf7 Qg5+ 51.Kh7 Ke2 52.h6 Kd1 53.Qe6 Kc1 54.Kh8 Qd8+ 55.Kg7 Qg5+ 56.Kf7 Qh5+ 57.Kf8 Qc5+ 58.Kg7 Qg5+ 59.Qg6 Qe7+ 60.Qf7 Qg5+ 61.Kh7 Qg4 62.Qg7 Qf5+ 63.Qg6 Qf1 64.Kh8 Qf8+ 65.Kh7 Qf1 66.Qg7 Qf2 67.Qg6 Qf4 68.Qc6+ Kd2 69.Qe6 Qf8 70.Kg6 Qh8 71.h7 Qd4 72.Qf6 Qe4+ 73.Kf7 Qe7+ 74.Qxe7 Kd3 75.h8Q 1-0 (75) Vladimirovich9000 (2847)-Herushkanamura (2883) Blitz 2023

8.a3 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' 8...cxd4

[8...Bxc3

A) 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Bd3 *(10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Rb1 b6 13.Qe1 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.c4 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 d4 18.Qg5 d3 19.Bxd3 Bxf3 20.Qxc5 Bg4 21.Rxf6 Qxf6 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.h3 Bxh3 24.gxh3 Rd8 25.Re1 g6 26.Rf1 Qd4+ 27.Qxd4+ Rxd4 28.Re1 Rd7 29.Re6 Rc7 30.Kf2 Na5 31.Re4 Kg7 32.Ke3 Kf6 33.Kd4* 1-0 (33) PospaSil,L (2497)-Anderson,J (2390) ICCF 2007*)* 10...Bg4= 11.0-0 Szabo,Krisztian: '(Genocchio,D (2349)-Barp,A (2408) Chianciano Terme 2021)' c4 12.Bxe4 *(12.Be2 0-0* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and Black's main plan will be ...f6 to attack White's pawn chain.'*)* 12...dxe4 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Bg5± or the move that looks like it is crying out to be played 15...Qa5 16.d5 *(16.Nh4* Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' *Qxc3* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓'*)* 16...exf3= 17.dxc6 Tadic,Branko

Qc5+ 18.Rf2 Qxc6⩱ Δ e5 Tadic, Branko: 'Δ e5' 19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.Rxf3 Bxc2 Szabo,Krisztian: '∓' Szabo,Krisztian: 'and Black is slightly better because he is up a pawn.';

B) 9.Bxc3

B1) 9...0-0 10.Be2= Nc6 Tadic,Branko 11.0-0 Bf5 *(11...Re8↑ 12.Bb5 Bg4* Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo, Krisztian: 'Matrisch,G (2379)-Zavrazhnov,A (2205) ICCF email 2014' *)* 12.Rb1± Qe7?! Szabo,Krisztian: ' ∓' Szabo, Krisztian: 'Ambirk,J (2061)-Smith, T (2162) ICCF email 2019';

B2) 9...Nc6 10.Bb5

B2a) 10...cxd4 11.Qxd4 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bb4 *(13.e6 f6 14.Bb4 Re8∓)* 13...Re8 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Bd6 Bg4 Black is better thanks to his strong outposted knight;

B2b) 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 *(11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.bxc3 c4 13.Qd2 Bf5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rf2 h6 16.Qf4 Be4 17.Qg3 Rb8 18.Nd2 Bh7 19.Rf6 Bg6 20.Rxc6 Rb6 21.Rxb6 Qxb6 22.Ra2 Rb8 23.a4 a5 24.h3 Kh7 25.Kh2 Qe6 26.Qg4 Qe7 27.h4 Qe6 28.Qf3 Bf5 29.Qf2 Qg6 30.Qf4 Rb7 31.Qf3 Qe6 32.Qf4 Qd7 33.Qf2 Rb6 34.Qf4 Be6 35.Qf1 Qc7 36.Qe1 Qb7 37.Qc1 Bf5 38.Qf1 Bc8 39.Kh1 Rg6 40.Qf2 Be6 41.Kh2 Rg4 42.Kh1 Qe7 43.Nf3 Qb7 44.Nd2 Qe7 45.g3 Qb7 46.Kg1 Rg6 47.Kh2 f5 48.Qf3 Rg4 49.Nxc4 f4 50.Rb2 Qf7 51.Qd3+ Rg6 52.h5 fxg3+ 53.Kh1 g2+ 54.Kg1 Qf2+ 55.Kxf2 g1Q+ 56.Ke2 Bg4+ 57.Qf3 Bxf3+ 58.Kxf3 Rg2 59.e6 Qf2#* 0-1 (59) duchessAI (2722)-botswana-compute (3002) Blitz 2024*)* 11...Qa5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.0-0 Qxc3 14.dxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Qd4 Qxd4+ 16.Nxd4 Bd7 17.Rab1 c5 18.Nb3 Rc8 19.Na5 a6 20.Nb7 0-0 21.Nd6 Rc7 22.Rb6 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Rxb5 Ra8 25.Rd1 d4 26.a4 g6 27.a5 Rca7 28.Ra1 c4 29.Kf2 d3 30.cxd3 cxd3 31.Ke3 Rd8 32.Kd2 Rc7 33.Ra2 Ra7 34.a6 Rda8 35.Rb6 Rd8 36.Rb7 Raa8 37.a7 Kg7 38.Ra1 h5 39.Rf1 Rac8 40.Rfxf7+ Kh6 41.Rfc7 Ra8 42.h4 Rh8 43.e6 g5 44.e7 gxh4 45.Rc6+ Kg5 46.Re6 Rhe8 47.Kxd3 Kf5 48.Re1 Kg4 49.Kd4 Kg3 50.Re2 Rec8 51.Kd5 Rg8 52.Ke6 h3 53.gxh3 Kxh3 54.Kf7 Rh8 55.Reb2 Rh7+ 56.Kg6 Rhh8 57.Rb8 Rxa7 58.Rxh8 Rxe7 59.Rxh5+ Kg3 60.Rg5+ Kf3 61.Rb3+ 1-0 (61) taras05 (2737)-iEchoic92 (2713) Blitz 2023] 9.axb4 dxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.Qe2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nc6 15.f4 Re8 16.0-0 f6 17.b5 Ne7 18.exf6 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qxf6 20.c4 Kh8 21.Qg2 dxc4 22.Bxc4 Nf5 23.Qh3 Re3 24.Qg2 Rc3 25.Bd3 Rc7 26.Rae1 Rf8 27.Re5 Nh4 28.Qh3 h6 29.Qe3 Ng6 30.Re6 Re7 31.f5 Nh4 32.Rxe7

1-0 (32) RodTwinkz (2742)-Chicksforfree (2557) Blitz 2023

8.dxc5 Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' 8...Bxc5 [8...Nc6 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxb4 Qxd1+ 11.Rxd1 Nxb4 12.Bb5+ Ke7 13.Nd4 Bg4 14.Be2 Be6 15.a3 Nd5 16.c6 Ne3 17.cxb7 Rae8 18.Nc6+ Kf8 19.Rd8 1-0 (19) Rzayev,B (2711)-DrFunny (2679) Blitz 2021] 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Qe2 [10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Nd2 Qxb5 13.Nxe4 Qb4+ 14.Nd2 Bg4 15.c3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Bxd1 17.Rxb2 Bg4 18.Rxb7 0-0 19.h3 Be6 20.Ne4 Bb6 21.Ke2 Bc8 22.Rxb6 axb6 0-1 (22) Rzayev,B (2708)-Molt7n (2840) Blitz 2021] 10...Bf2+ 11.Kd1∞ [11.Kf1± Szabo,Krisztian: '?!' Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bc5 Szabo,Krisztian: '∓'] 11...Nxc3+ 12.Bxc3 Bc5 Szabo,Krisztian: '∓'

[85] **8...cxd4** 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qxd4 Qa5 15.a3 Be6 16.Qe4 h6 17.Nd4 Bd5 18.Qe3 Rab8 19.Nf5 Rfe8 20.Qg3 g6 21.Nxh6+ Kf8 22.Ng4 Rb7 23.Nf6 Reb8 24.b4 Qb5 25.Qc3 Kg7 26.e6 Bxe6 27.Nd7+ Kg8 28.Nxb8 Rxb8 29.Rd6 a5 30.Rhd1 axb4 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Qh8# 1-0 (32) yoseph2013 (2740)-Statham_13 (2430) Blitz 2024

9.Qxd2 cxd4 [9...Nc6 10.a3± Atalik,S (2599)-Van der Weide,K (2502)/Augsburg 2008/CBM 122 Extra (1-0, 22). Despite approximate material equality and an apparent black lead in development, White's chances are superior because of the numerous weaknesses in Black's camp. In case of simplifications, White's knights could get on c6 and c5, paralysing Black. *(10.Qf4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qe7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Kh1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Be6 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Qxe5 19.Qxc6 Rac8 20.Qa4 Qe2 21.Qxa7 Rxc2 22.Rg1 Rc6 23.a4 Ra6 24.Qd4 Re8 25.Qb4 Rae6 26.a5 Re4 27.Qd6 R4e6 28.Qf4* ½-½ (28) Donnelly,M (2453)-Bowyer,K (2410) corr BCF 2003*)* 10...Ba5 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 c4 12.Be2 h6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Qf4 Qa5 15.Qg3 0-0-0 16.Nh4 Kb8 17.Nf5 g6 18.Nd6 Qc7 19.Rab1 b6 20.Bg4 f5 21.Bf3 g5 22.Rb5 f4 23.Qe1 Ne7 24.Qe2 a6 25.Rb4 Ka7 26.Rfb1 Rb8 27.a4 Nc6 28.R4b2 Ne7 29.Bg4 Qd7 30.Bxe6 Qxe6 31.Qh5 Rhd8 32.Rb4 Qg6 33.Qe2 Nf5 34.Nxf5 Qxf5 35.Re1 Qe6 36.Qh5 Rg8 37.Rbb1 Rbf8 38.Rf1 g4 39.Rf2 Rg5 40.Qh4 f3 41.Rbf1 Qg6 42.gxf3 g3 43.Rg2 gxh2+ 44.Qxh2 Rff5 45.Rff2 Qc6 46.Rxg5 Rxg5+ 47.Rg2 Rf5 48.Qh3 Qe6 49.Rg7+ Kb8 50.Qg4 a5 51.Rg8+ Ka7 52.Qg7+ Rf7 53.Qg4 Qc6 54.Qc8 Qxc8 55.Rxc8 Rxf3 56.Rc6 h5 57.e6 Re3 58.Rd6 Re4 59.Rxd5 Rxe6 60.Rxh5 Re2 61.Rh2 Re1+ 62.Kf2 Ra1 63.Ke3 Rxa4 64.Rh7+ Ka6 65.d5 Ra1 66.Kd4 Rd1+ 67.Kxc4 b5+ 68.Kc5 a4 69.Rh6+ Ka5 70.Rh8 b4 71.Ra8# 1-0 (71) Off-War (2815)-AlwaysPlaying4TheWin (2760) Blitz 2023*)* 11.b4 *(11.Qf4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Be6 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.0-0-0 a6 16.Be2 Bb6 17.Qb4+ Kg8 18.Bf3 d4 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qxb7 Rc8 21.Qxa7 Qa5 22.Qxd4 h5 23.Be4 g6 24.Nc3*

Kg7 25.Rhf1 Rhd8 26.Qe3 Qxe5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rb8 29.Qd4 Kf6 30.Rf1+ Bf5 31.Qxe5+ Kxe5 32.Bxf5 gxf5 33.g3 1-0 (33) yoseph2013 (2737)-OhanyanEminChess (2784) Blitz 2022 *)* 11...cxb4 12.Nb5 0-0 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Qf4 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 a6 16.Rh3 f5 17.Nd6 Nxd4 18.axb4 Bb6 19.Kh1 Qe7 20.g4 Ne6 21.Qf3 Ng5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Rh5 g6 24.Rh6 Kg7 25.gxf5 Kxh6 26.Rf1 Rae8 27.e6 Bc7 28.Nc4 Rd8 29.Qg2 gxf5 30.Ne3 Qxe6 31.Nxf5+ Rxf5 32.Bxf5 Qc6 33.h4 Qxg2+ 34.Kxg2 0-1 (34) JamesBondAgent007 (2843)-Herushkanamura (2914) Blitz 2023]

10.Nxd4 0-0

[10...Nc6

A) 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.a3 *(12.0-0 0-0 13.Kh1 Ba5* Black has the bishop pair, a pin, and White's e5 pawn is weak*)* 12...Bc5 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Rb8 15.Na4 Be7 16.h4 c5 17.g4 Be6 18.g5 Qa5 19.h5 c4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Bf5 Qxa4 22.g6 Bxa3 23.bxa3 Qxa3+ 24.Kd2 Bxf5 25.Qxf5 Qb4+ 26.Ke2 Rbe8 27.h6 1-0 (27) Jamorris94 (2720)-carguru (2623) Blitz 2022;

B) 11.Bb5 Qb6 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.0-0-0 c5 16.Nb3 c4 17.Nd4 Re8 18.Rde1 Qc7 19.Nb5 Qc5 20.Nd6 Rd8 21.Rd1 Be6 22.Qd4 Qc7 23.h4 Rab8 24.h5 h6 25.g4 Qe7 26.Rhg1 Qg5+ 27.Kb1 Rd7 28.Ka2 Rc7 29.Rdf1 c3 30.b3 Qd2 31.Qxd2 cxd2 32.Kb2 d4 33.Rd1 d3 34.Rxd2 dxc2 35.b4 a5 36.b5 Rc5 37.a4 Rxe5 38.Rxc2 Rd5 39.Ne4 Rd4 40.Nc5 Bd5 41.g5 Rb4+ 42.Ka3 Rc8 43.gxh6 Rxc5 44.Rxc5 Rb3+ 45.Ka2 Rxb5+ 46.Rxd5 Rxd5 47.Rxg7+ Kf8 48.Rh7 Rxh5 49.Rh8+ Ke7 50.Ra8 Rxh6 51.Rxa5 Rb6 52.Rb5 Rxb5 53.axb5 Kd6 54.Kb2 Kc5 55.Kc3 Kxb5 56.Kd4 Kc6 57.Ke5 Kd7 58.Kf6 Ke8 59.Kf5 Ke7 60.Ke5 Kf8 61.Kf6 Kg8 62.Kf5 Kg7 63.Kg5 f6+ 64.Kf5 Kf7 65.Kf4 Ke7 66.Kf5 Kf7 67.Kf4 Kg6 68.Kg4 f5+ 69.Kf4 Kf6 70.Kf3 Ke6 71.Kf4 Kf6 72.Kf3 Kg5 73.Kg3 f4+ 74.Kf3 Kf5 75.Kf2 Ke6 76.Kf3 Ke5 77.Kf2 Kf5 78.Kf3 Kg5 79.Kf2 Kg4 80.Kg2 f3+ 81.Kf2 Kf4 82.Kf1 Ke5 83.Kf2 Ke4 84.Kf1 Kf4 85.Kf2 Kg4 86.Kf1 Kg3 87.Kg1 Kh3 88.Kf2 Kg4 89.Kf1 Kg3 90.Kg1 f2+ 91.Kf1 Kh3 92.Kxf2 ½-½ (92) The_appleboy (2835)-Peligro_98 (2714) Blitz 2022]

11.Qf4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 bxc6 14.0-0 Qe7

[14...Ba6 15.Rf3 Bxd3 16.cxd3 Qe7 17.d4 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Qg5 Raf8 20.Rxf6 Rxf6 21.Qd2 Re6 22.Rf1 Re2 23.Qf4 Qe3+ 24.Qxe3 Rxe3 25.Rf3 Rxf3 26.gxf3 Kf7 27.f4 Kf6 28.Kf2 Kf5 29.Kf3 g5 30.fxg5 Kxg5 31.Kg3 Kf5 32.Kf3 Kg5 33.Kg3 Kf5 34.Kf3 Kg5 ½-½ (34) yoseph2013 (2774)-shnitez (2538) Blitz 2024]

15.Rf3 Be6 16.Rg3 c5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Be4 Rad8 19.Qf6 Qxf6 20.exf6 g6 21.Rg5 Rd4 22.Re5 c3

[22...Rfd8 23.c3 Rd2 24.a4 Re2 25.Rb1 h5 26.h4 Bf5 27.Rd5 Rd2 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Rf1 Rd5 31.Rf3 Kh7 32.Rg3 Rd3

33.Rg7+ Kh6 34.Rxf7 Kg6 35.Rxa7 Kxf6 36.Rc7 Rxc3 37.Rxc5 Rc2 38.a5 c3 39.a6 Ra2 40.Rxc3 Rxa6 41.Kh2 Ra2 42.Rc6+ Ke5 43.Rh6 f4 44.Rxh5+ Kd4 45.Rb5 f3 46.h5 Rxg2+ 47.Kh1 Ra2 48.Rb1 f2 49.h6 f1Q+ 50.Rxf1 Ra6 51.h7 Rh6+ 52.Kg1 Rxh7 53.Ra1 Re7 54.Rb1 Kc4 55.Ra1 Re5 56.Rb1 Re4 57.Ra1 Kc5 58.Rb1 Kd5 59.Ra1 Re7 60.Rb1 Re2 61.Ra1 Rb2 62.Rc1 Kd6 63.Ra1 Ke7 64.Rc1 Rd2 65.Ra1 Kd7 66.Rb1 Kc6 67.Ra1 Kb6 68.Rb1+ Kc7 69.Ra1 Kb8 70.Rb1+ Ka7 71.Ra1+ Kb8 72.Rb1+ Ka8 73.Ra1+ Kb8 ½-½ (73) Nikitosikbot_v2 (2914)-RaspFish (2914) Blitz 2024]

23.Rb1 h6 24.Rb5 Bxa2 25.Rbxc5 Rd6 26.Rxc3 Rxf6 27.Ra5 Be6 28.Rxa7 Kg7 29.Rf3 Rxf3 30.gxf3 Rd8 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Kg3 h5 33.h4 Rd1 34.Kg2 Kf6 35.Ra5 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Rd1 37.Kg2 Rc1 38.Bd3 Kg7 39.Be4 Kf6 40.Bd3 Bc4 41.Kf2 Bxd3 42.cxd3 Rd1 43.Ke3 Re1+ 44.Kf4 Rh1 45.Kg3 Rg1+ 46.Kf4 Rh1 47.Kg3 Rg1+ 48.Kf4 Rd1 49.Ke3 Kg7 50.Ra6 Re1+ 51.Kf2 Rd1 52.Ke3 Re1+ 53.Kf2 Rh1 54.Kg3 Rd1 55.Ra3 Rg1+ 56.Kf2 Rd1 57.Ke3 Rh1 58.Ra4 Re1+ 59.Kf2 Rd1 60.Ke3 Rh1 61.Kf2 Rh2+ 62.Ke3 Rh1 63.Kf2 Rh2+ 64.Ke3 f6 65.Rf4 Rh1 66.Ra4 Re1+ 67.Kf2 Rh1 68.Ke3 Kh6 69.Rf4 Re1+ 70.Kf2 Rd1 71.Rxf6 Rxd3 72.Kg3 Kh7 73.Ra6 Rb3 74.Kf4 Rb4+ 75.Kg5 Rb5+ 76.Kf4 Rf5+ 77.Ke4 Kg7 78.f4 Rf7 79.Ke5 Re7+ 80.Re6 Rf7 81.Ra6 Rf5+ 82.Ke4 Rf8 83.Ke5 Rd8 84.f5 gxf5 85.Kxf5 Rd1 86.Ra7+ Kh6 87.Ra6+ Kg7 88.Kg5 Rd5+ 89.Kf4 Rd4+ 90.Kg5 Rd5+ 91.Kf4 Rd4+ 92.Ke5 Rxh4 93.Kf5 Rg4 94.Ra1 Kh7 95.Ra7+ Kh6 96.Ra6+ Kh7 97.Ra7+ Kh6 98.Ra6+ Kg7 99.Ra7+ Kg8 100.Ra3 Rg2 101.Rh3 h4 102.Rxh4 Rf2+ 103.Ke4 Ra2 104.Kf3 Ra3+ 105.Kf2 Ra2+ 106.Ke3 Ra1 107.Rg4+ Kf7 108.Rc4 Ra3+ 109.Kd2 Ra2+ 110.Kd3 Ra1 111.Rc3 Kg7 112.Kc4 Ra4+ 113.Kb3 Ra5 114.Rc4 Rb5+ 115.Rb4 Rxb4+ 116.Kxb4 ½-½ (116) UnbalanceBot (2931)-caissa-x (2931) Blitz 2023

[86] **6.Qe2** Nxc3

[6...Bf5

A) 7.Nd1 Ng5 8.c3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 Qh4+ 10.Nf2 Be4 11.Qe2 Bc5 12.g3 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Qe7 14.Bg2 Qxe5 15.Re1 Qf5+ 16.Kg1 0-0 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Qd7 19.Rf1 Rae8 20.Qf5 Qxf5 21.Rxf5 Ne7 22.Rf2 Nd5 23.Kf1 Re6 24.d3 Rfe8 25.Bd2 Ne3+ 26.Bxe3 Rxe3 27.d4 g6 28.Rd1 Kg7 29.Rfd2 h5 30.d5 b6 31.d6 cxd6 32.Rxd6 R8e7 33.Rd7 Kf6 34.R1d6+ Kf5 35.Rd5+ Kf6 36.R5d6+ Kf5 37.Rxe7 Rxe7 38.Kf2 g5 39.Kf3 f6 40.a4 Re1 41.Rd7 g4+ 42.Kf2 Rb1 43.Rd5+ Ke4 44.Rd4+ Ke5 45.Rb4 f5 46.Kg2 Rd1 47.h4 Rd2+ 48.Kf1 Rc2 49.Kg1 f4 50.Rxf4 Rxb2 51.Rf7 Ke4 52.Rf4+ Ke3 53.Rf5 Ra2 54.Rxh5 Kf3 55.Rf5+ Kxg3 56.h5 Rxa4 57.h6 Ra1+ 58.Rf1 Ra2 59.Rf7 Rg2+ 60.Kf1 Rh2 61.h7 a5 62.Kg1 a4 63.c4 Rh6 64.Ra7 Kf3 65.Rxa4 Rxh7 66.Ra3+ Ke4 67.Ra6 Rb7 68.Ra8 Rd7 69.Rc8 Kf3 70.Rf8+ Kg3 71.Rf1 Rd3 72.Rc1 Rb3 73.Kh1 Kh3 74.Kg1 Kg3 75.Kh1 Kh3 76.Kg1 g3 77.Kh1 Rb2 78.Kg1

Re2 79.Kh1 Rd2 80.Kg1 Rb2 81.Kh1 Ra2 82.Kg1 Ra3 83.Kh1 Rb3 84.Kg1 Rd3 85.Kh1 Re3 86.Kg1 Rb3 87.Kh1 Rf3 88.Kg1 g2 89.Ra1 Rb3 90.Re1 Ra3 91.Rd1 Re3 92.Kf2 Rc3 93.Kg1 Rf3 94.Rc1 Kg3 95.c5 bxc5 96.Rc3 c4 97.Rd3 Kg4 98.Rd8 Rd3 99.Rc8 Kf3 100.Rf8+ Ke2 0-1 (100) Savchenko,B (2644)-Wang,Y (2734) Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2009;

B) 7.Qb5 a6 *(7...Nc5 8.d4* see Chernin-Hertneck, Gleisdorf 2000. The alternative is *8...a6!?* and this is quite a logical follow-up 10 h3 because the pinning ...Bg4 is no longer possible. *9.Qe2!? Ne6 10.Be3! Nb4 11.Rc1 c5)*

B1) 8.Qxb7 is refuted by Nb4 9.Nxe4 John Emms: '±!' John Emms: ', A. Goldin-K.Bjerring, Cappelle la Grande 1992.' Bxe4 John Emms: 'is a decent alternative, though, preventing e2-e4 for at least one more move:' *(9...Rb8 10.Qa7 Nxc2+ 11.Kd1 Bxe4)* 10.Nd4 John Emms: 'or' Bc5 John Emms: '!?' 11.Nc6 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxc2+ *(12...Bf3 13.Bd3 Nxc2+ 14.Bxc2∞* with an unclear but roughly equal position, M. Grabarczyk-S.Estremera Panos, Pula 1997. *Qc4 15.Qxa8+ Kd7 16.Bf5#)* 13.Kd1 Qg4+ 14.Be2 Qc8 15.Qxc8+ Rxc8 according to Emms;

B2) 8.Qxd5 Nb4 9.Qxd8+ John Emms: 'with decent counterplay, S.Mamedyarov-E. Guseinov, Baku 1999.' John Emms: 'for' 9...Rxd8 10.Bd3 Nxd3+ 11.cxd3 Rxd3 12.Nh4 Nxc3 13.Nxf5 Nb5 was clearly better for Black in K. Berg-Spassky, German Bundesliga 1987.;

C) 7.d3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 d4

C1) 9.g3 dxc3 10.Bg2 Bc5 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 0-0 was better for Black in Pel-Van den Doel, Dieren 1998;

C2) 9.Bb2 dxc3 10.Bxc3 Bb4 11.Qd2 Bxc3!?N I'm sure I must have seen this idea before in similar positions, but I can't easily recall one! It certainly came as a surprise to me. 12.Qxc3 Qd5 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0 Rad8 15.Rab1 Bg6 16.a4 *(16.Rxb7 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxb7 18.Nc6)* 16...b6!= Black often solves his problems if he is allowed to activate or exchange the c7-knight. This position is no exception. He doesn't even have to hurry to exchange the knight on c4 - the bishop on b5 is just as strong. 17.Kh1 Rfe8 18.Rb5 Qd7 19.Rd1 *(19.Re1)* 19...Nd4 20.Nxd4 Qxd4! 21.Qxc7 *(21.Qxd4 Rxd4 22.a5 a6 23.Rb2 b5)* Or 21...Qxa4 22.Rb2 After 22...Rc8 23.Qb7 Qd4 24.Rbb1 Qxe5 25.Bf3 Rc7!= it's completely equal. White can still play 26.Qa6 but after Qe3 some of the sting is taken out of 27.Rbc1 . Even so, this still might be the move to cause Black more problems. A critical line might be h5 28.h3 Rd8 29.Qa4 Qd4! 30.Qb5 Rc5 31.Qa6 Rc7

32.Re1 Qf4 and Black seems to be okay. 33.Ra1?! h4 34.Qa3 Rxc2± 35.Qxa7 Rxd3 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Re4 Rc1+ 38.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 39.Kh2 Qc7+ 40.Kg1 Qc5+⩲ 41.Kh2 11...b5 is actually a clever novelty. The key point is that if Black prepares ...b5 with 41...Qd6+ he runs the risk of getting into trouble in the centre: 42.Kg1 Bxe4 43.Bxe4+! etc. After the slower 43...g6 White carries on in the centre. For example, 44.Bxd3 Qxd3 45.Qf8 Qc4 ½-½ (45) Alonso Rosell,A (2485)-Pena Gomez,M (2419) El Sauzal ESP 2010 [John Emms];

C3) 9.Rb1 b6 *(9...Rb8 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Be3 Qxe5 14.Bxa7 Qxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Ra8 16.Rxb7 Bd6 17.Bd4 0-0 18.0-0 Be6 19.c4 Rxa2 20.Bf3 Rd8 21.Bf2 c5 22.Rfb1 Bf8 23.Be4 f5 24.Bd5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Rxd5 26.Rb8 f4 27.h4 h5 28.Rc8 Rf5 29.Rbb8 f3 30.gxf3 Rc2 31.Kg2 g5 32.hxg5 Rxg5+ 33.Kf1 Rf5 34.Ke1 Kg7 35.Rb7+ Kg6 36.Rc6+ Kg5 37.Be3+ Kh4 38.Bf2+ Kh3 39.Rg6 Rxf3 0-1 (39) S_Ovsejevitsch (2729)-Schunaizel (2599) Blitz 2022)* 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Bb2 Bb4+ 13.Kd1 Qd7 14.e6 Bxe6 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Rxb4 Rxg7 17.g3 0-0-0 18.Bg2 Bg4 19.Rxg4 Qxg4 20.Qxg4+ Rxg4 21.Bh3 f5 22.Bxg4 fxg4 23.Rf1 Rd5 24.Rf4 h5 25.Kd2 Kd7 26.Ra4 a5 27.Rf4 Ke6 28.c4 Rf5 29.Ke3 Ke5 30.d4+ Kf6 31.a4 Kg5 32.Rxf5+ Kxf5 33.Kd3 c6 34.Ke3 Ke6 35.Ke4 Kd6 36.Kd3 Ke6 37.Ke4 Kd6 38.Kd3 Ke6 39.Ke4 ½-½ (39) S_Ovsejevitsch (2733)-Todorovic1991 (2554) Blitz 2022]

7.dxc3 Bg4 Vojinovic,Goran: 'N!' Vojinovic,Goran: 'Vojinovic,G: '!' Vojinovic,G: 'N" 8.Bf4 Be7

[8...Qd7

A) 9.Qe3 Vojinovic,Goran: '!' a6 Vojinovic,Goran: '!' *(9...0-0-0* Vojinovic,Goran: '?!' *10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4* Vojinovic,Goran: '±' Vojinovic,Goran: 'ß a4-e8 ⇗a4-e8' *; 9...Qf5* Vojinovic,Goran: '?!' *10.Bd3 Qh5 11.0-0* Vojinovic,Goran: '±' Vojinovic,Goran: 'ß →' *)* 10.0-0-0 0-0-0 11.Bc4 Be6 12.Bb3 *(12.Ng5 Be7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bb3 Na5* Vojinovic,Goran: '=' *)* 12...Na5 Vojinovic,Goran: '!' 13.c4 *(13.Qa7* Vojinovic,Goran: '?' *c5 14.Qb6 Qc7 15.Qxc7+ Kxc7* Vojinovic,Goran: '-+' Vojinovic, Goran: 'γb3' *)* 13...Nxb3+ 14.axb3 Qc6 Vojinovic,Goran: '=!' 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Nd4 Bc5 17.Qh3+ Qd7 18.Qg3 Be4

A1) 19.e6 Vojinovic,Goran: '!?' fxe6

A1a) 20.Bxc7 Vojinovic, Goran: '?' Bxd4 *(20...Qxc7* Vojinovic,Goran: '?' *21.Qxc7+ Kxc7 22.Nxe6+* Vojinovic, Goran: ' ±' *)* 21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.c3 Qc6 Vojinovic,Goran: '-+';

A1b) 20.Be5 Vojinovic,Goran: '⩲!?';

A2) 19.c3 Bxd4 *(19...Bg6* Vojinovic,Goran: '?!' *20.e6* Vojinovic,Goran: '!' *fxe6 21.Be5* Vojinovic,Goran: ' ⩱' Vojinovic, Goran: 'ßc7, g7, ßd ✕c7, g7, ⇔d' *)* 20.Rxd4 Qf5 21.Rhd1 Bb1 22.Qf2 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.g4 Qe4 26.Qd4+ ½-½ (26) A3 Bd2 (2485)-6. ♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘c6 (2330) ICCF Email 1993 Telechess CBM 89 [Steinitz, The Field 5 Oct 1878];

B) 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 *(9...Qf5 10.Qe3 Bc5* Vojinovic,Goran: '!') 10.h3 Qf5 11.Bg3 Bh5 12.Qe3 Be7 13.Bd3 Qe6 14.Kb1 f5 15.Rdf1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kb8 17.f4 Rhg8 18.h4 g6 19.Rd1 h6 20.b3 Rd7 21.Bf2 a6 22.Qh3 Rf8 23.Be3 Rdd8 24.Rhf1 Rf7 25.h5 g5 26.fxg5 Bxg5 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.Bxf5 Qxe5 29.h6 Rff8 30.Bd7 Ne7 31.Rde1 Rxf1 32.Qxf1 Qd6 33.h7 Qxd7 34.Qf7 Ng6 35.Qxg6 Rh8 36.Rh1 d4 37.Qg8+ Qc8 38.Qxg5 dxc3 39.Qg7 Qd8 40.Qxc3 Qf8 41.Kb2 c5 42.Rf1 1-0 (42) Pirs,M (2538)-Nikel,B (2266) www.remoteschach.de 2007]

9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 h6 13.h5 Be4 14.Bg2 Qc8 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bxg2 17.Qxg2 Qe6 18.g5 Qf5 19.Bd2 Bxg5 20.Rhg1 Rad8 21.Rdf1 Bxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Qg5+ 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Rxg5 Kh7 25.Rfg1 Rg8 26.Rf5 Rd7 27.Rgf1 f6 28.exf6 gxf6 29.Rxf6 Rg2+ 30.Kc3 Rg3+ 31.Kb4 Rdg7 32.h6 R7g6 33.Rf7+ Kxh6 34.Rxc7 Rb6+ 35.Kc5 Rxb2 36.Kxd5 Rxa2 37.Rxb7 Rxc2 38.Rxa7 Rg5+ 39.Ke4 Rg4+ 40.Kd3 Rb2 41.d5 Rb3+ 42.Kc2 Rb5 43.d6 Rc5+ 44.Kb3 Rb5+ 45.Ka3 Rd5 46.d7 Rd3+ 47.Kb2 Rg2+ 48.Kc1 Rgd2 49.Rf7 Kg6 50.Rg7+ Kf6 51.Rf7+ Kg6 52.Rg7+ Kf6 53.Rf7+ Kg6 ½-½ (53) Vladimirovich9000 (2884)-rob188 (2575) Blitz 2021

6.d4 Bb4

[6...Be7 7.Bd3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 *(8...f6 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ba3 Rf7 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Rb1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Na5 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 dxc4 18.Qf3 c6 19.Re4 g6 20.Rbe1 Kg7 21.Re6 Rd8 22.R1e2 Qd5 23.Kg2 Qxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rd5 25.Bc5 a6 26.Bd6 Bg5 27.Be5+ Kh6 28.Kg4 Bd8 29.Re3* 1-0 (29) heluwu (2790)-Eraschenkov, D (2349) Blitz 2022*)* 9.Qe2 f6 10.Bf4 fxe5 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bd6 13.0-0-0 Ba3+ 14.Kb1 c6 15.Ka1 Qa5 16.Qe1 Bf5 17.Rb1 Bxd3 18.cxd3 Rae8 19.Qd2 c5 20.Rhd1 a6 21.Rxb7 cxd4 22.cxd4 Qxd2 23.Rxd2 Rf1+ 24.Rb1 Ref8 25.Nf3 Rxb1+ 26.Kxb1 Rb8+ 27.Kc2 Rb2+ 28.Kd1 Rb1+ 29.Ke2 a5 30.Rc2 a4 31.Ne5 h6 32.h4 h5 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Rc2 Bb2 35.Nf3 a3 36.Nd2 Ra1 37.Nb3 Rxa2 38.Kf3 Kg6 39.g4 Kf6 40.gxh5 Kf5 41.Kg3 Ra1 42.Nxa1 Bxa1 43.Rc5 Bb2 44.Rxd5+ Ke6 45.Ra5 Kd6 46.Kg4 Kc6 47.Kg5 Kb6 48.Ra8 Kb5 49.Kg6 Kb4 50.Kxg7 Bxd4+ 51.Kg6 Kb3 52.h6 a2 53.Rb8+ Kc2 54.Rc8+ Bc3 55.Rxc3+ Kxc3 56.h7 a1Q 57.h8Q+ Kxd3 58.Qxa1 Kd2 59.h5 Ke2 60.h6 Kf2 61.h7 Kg2 62.h8Q Kf2 63.Qhb2+ 1-0 (63) xiaochess (2861)-Americanchampion (2627) Blitz 2024]

[6...Bf5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe1 Bg6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bxe4 Nxd4 12.Bxb7 Nxc2 13.Qe2 Rb8 14.Be4

Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Nxa1 16.Qb1 Qd5 17.Qxa1 Rfd8 18.Qb1 Qd3 19.Qxd3 Rxd3 20.Kf2 h6 21.Ke2 Rd5 22.b3 Bb4 23.Be3 a5 24.Rc1 c5 25.Rc4 a4 26.bxa4 Ra8 27.Bd2 Rxa4 28.a3 Rxa3 29.Bxb4 cxb4 30.Rxb4 Ra2+ 31.Ke3 Rxg2 32.Rb8+ Kh7 33.Ke4 Rd7 34.Kf4 Re7 35.Rb6 Rg6 36.Rb8 Ra6 37.h4 Ra4+ 38.Kg3 Ra3 39.Kf4 Rc7 40.Rb4 Rac3 41.Nd2 Rd3 42.Ne4 Rh3 43.Kg4 Re3 44.Kf4 Rd3 45.Nd6 f6 46.Nf5 fxe5+ 47.Kxe5 Rc5+ 48.Kf4 Rd1 49.Ne3 Re1 50.Re4 Rc3 51.h5 Kg8 52.Re7 Kf8 53.Re5 Re2 54.Kf3 Re1 55.Kf2 Rexe3 56.Rxe3 Rxe3 57.Kxe3 Kf7 58.Ke4 Ke6 59.Kf4 Kf6 60.Kg4 Ke5 61.Kh4 Kf4 62.Kh3 Kg5 63.Kg3 Kxh5 64.Kh3 Kg5 65.Kg3 h5 66.Kh3 h4 67.Kh2 Kh5 68.Kh1 g5 69.Kh2 g4 70.Kh1 g3 71.Kg2 Kg4 72.Kh1 h3 73.Kg1 Kf3 74.Kh1 g2+ 75.Kg1 Ke3 76.Kh2 Kf2 77.Kxh3 g1Q 78.Kh4 Qg6 79.Kh3 Qg3# 0-1 (79) I_aM_Javiiiiii (2737)-Fortend (2706) Blitz 2022]

7.Bd2 Bxc3

[7...0-0 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qxd4 13.Qxd4 Nxd4 14.0-0-0 Ne2+ 15.Kd2 Nf4 16.Ke3 g5 17.Rhg1 h6 18.Rd7 Rae8 19.h4 Rxe5 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Rxc7 Rfe8 22.Rxb7 a5 23.c4 Rd8 24.Rxg5+ Rxg5 25.Kxf4 Rg2 26.Bd5 1-0 (27) yoseph2013 (2781)-JeremyDuran (2386) Blitz 2024]

[7...Bg4 8.Bb5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxd2 10.Kxd2 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Rad1 Qg5+ 13.Qe3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qxg2+ 15.Kc1 f6 16.Rhg1 Qe4 17.Qh6 g6 18.Rde1 Qf5 19.Ref1 Qe4 20.exf6 Rf7 21.h4 Raf8 22.Re1 Qf5 23.Rgf1 Qh3 24.Rg1 Qxc3 25.Rxg6+ Kh8 26.Qg7+ Rxg7 27.fxg7+ Kg8 28.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 29.Rf6+ Kg7 30.Rff1 Qa1+ 31.Kd2 Qxd4+ 32.Kc1 Qa1+ 33.Kd2 Qd4+ 34.Ke2 Qe4+ 35.Kf2 Qf4+ 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Kf2 Qf4+ 38.Ke2 Qe4+ 39.Kd1 Qd4+ 40.Kc1 Qa1+ 41.Kd2 Qd4+ ½-½ (41) CXCX83 (2713)-Koshechka22 (2555) Blitz 2023]

[7...Nxd2 8.Qxd2

A) 8...Bg4 9.Be2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qxd4 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 *(12...Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Nxe5 14.Bxd5 Bxc3 15.bxc3 0-0-0 16.Re1 f6 17.Rd4 c6 18.Be6+ Kc7 19.Bf5 c5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Bxh7 Rh8 22.Be4 Rxh2 23.Rd1 Nc4 24.Bd3 Nd6 25.Re1 Kd7 26.g4 Rg2 27.Be2 a6 28.Kd2 Rg3 29.Rh1 Ne4+ 30.Ke1 Nxc3 31.Rh7 b5 32.Rxg7+ Kc6 33.Bd3 c4 34.Bf1 Re3+ 35.Kd2 Rg3 36.Ke1 Kc5 37.Ra7 Rxg4 38.Rxa6 Re4+ 39.Kd2 b4 40.Ra5+ Kd4 41.Ra8 Nb1+ 42.Kd1 Kc3 43.Rf8 Re6 44.Rc8 Na3 45.Be2 Rd6+ 46.Kc1 Rd2 47.Bd1 Nxc2 48.Rh8 Ne3 49.Bf3 Rf2 50.Bd1 Rf1 51.Rd8 Rxd1+ 52.Rxd1 Nxd1 53.Kxd1 Kb2 54.Kd2 c3+ 55.Ke3 c2 56.Kd4 c1Q* 0-1 (56) littleplotkin (2700)-Violet_Pride (2877) Blitz 2022*)*

13.bxc3 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Re1 f6 16.Rxd5 c6 17.Rd4 Ke7 18.a4 Rhd8 19.a5 a6 20.Kb2 Rd7 21.Bg4 Rd5 22.Rxd5 cxd5 23.c4 Kd6 24.Be2 d4 25.Rd1 Kc5 26.c3 d3 27.Bxd3 Rd8 28.Be2 Rxd1 29.Bxd1 Nxc4+ 30.Kc2 Nxa5 31.Bf3 b5 32.Bg4 h6 33.Bc8 Nc4 34.Bxa6 Nd6

35.Kd3 Kb6 36.Bxb5 Kxb5 37.Kd4 Kc6 38.c4 h5 39.c5 Nf7 40.Ke4 g6 41.Kd4 Ne5 42.h4 Nd7 0-1 (42) Chess-Network (2701)-chessxiaoxiang (2794) Blitz 2023;

B) 8...0-0 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 f6 11.Bb5 fxe5 12.dxe5 Bg4 13.0-0-0 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qg5+ 15.Kb1 Qxe5 16.Bxc6 d4 17.Qb3+ Kh8 18.Be4 c5 19.Rhg1 Rab8 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.Bxd5 b6 22.Rde1 Rf5 23.Be4 Rf6 24.Rg3 Re8 25.Reg1 Re7 26.Kc1 g6 27.b3 b5 28.Kd2 a6 29.Rg5 Rc7 30.h4 c4 31.h5 d3 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Rxg6 Rxg6 34.Rxg6 dxc2 35.bxc4 c1Q+ 36.Kxc1 Rxc4+ 37.Kb2 b4 38.a4 a5 39.Ra6 Rc5 40.Rb6 Rg5 41.Rb5 Rg2+ 42.Kb3 Rg5 43.Rxg5 ½-½ (43) yoseph2013 (2705)-harsha15 (2639) Blitz 2024]

8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 f5 10.0-0 Na5 11.Qe1 Be6 12.Bc1 h6 13.a4 Rf7 14.Nh4 g5 15.Nf3 Qf8 16.h4 g4 17.Nh2 b6 18.Bf4 Rc8 19.Qe3 c5 20.Bxh6 Qe8 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.d5 Bxd5 23.Qg5+ Kh7 24.Rxf5 Qg8 25.Rxf7+ Bxf7 26.Qf4 Be6 27.Bg5 Rf8 28.Bf6 Qg6 29.Rd1 Nc4 30.Nf1 Qh6 31.Qxe4+ Qg6 32.Qe2 g3 33.Rd3 Rg8 34.Rxg3 Qf5 35.Rxg8 Kxg8 36.Ng3 Qh7 37.h5 Kf7 38.Qd3 Qxd3 39.cxd3 Nb2 40.Ne4 Bf5 41.Nd6+ Ke6 42.Nxf5 Kxf5 43.h6 Kg6 44.e6 Kxf6 45.h7 Kxe6 46.h8Q Nxd3 47.Qh6+ Kd5 48.Qd2 Kc4 49.g4 a6 50.g5 b5 51.Qxd3+ Kxd3 52.axb5 axb5 53.g6 b4 54.g7 bxc3 55.g8Q c2 56.Qg5 c4 57.Qc1 Kc3 58.Kf2 Kb3 59.Ke3 Kc3 60.Ke2 Kb3 61.Kd2 c3+ 62.Kd3 Kb4 63.Qxc2 Kc5 64.Qxc3+ Kb5 65.Qc4+ Kb6 66.Kd4 Ka5 67.Kd5 Kb6 68.Qb3+ Ka7 69.Qb5 Ka8 70.Kc6 Ka7 71.Kc7 Ka8 72.Qa5# 1-0 (72) luoxiaoke (2882)-Chess-Network (2743) Blitz 2023

6.Bb5 Mikhalevski, V: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White chooses to pin, since his bishop wouldn't be doing much on e2.''Huber,G: 'The most popular and best-scoring option. White's bishop is happy to pin the ♘/c6 as a less committal way to add support to the e5-pawn.' Huber,G: 'Die beliebteste Fortsetzung, die auch am besten punktet. Der weiße Läufer ist damit zufrieden, den ♘/c6 zu fesseln, was eine weniger verpflichtende Möglichkeit ist, den Bauern e5 zu unterstützen.' 6...Bc5

[6...a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0 *(8.Qe2 Bf5 9.d3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.Be3 c5 14.Nb3 c4 15.Nc5 cxd3 16.cxd3 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Re8 18.Qh5 Be6 19.a4 h6 20.a5 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.h3 Rab8 23.Rfb1 Kh7 24.Kf2 Kg6 25.d4 Bf5 26.Rb4 Rxb4 27.cxb4 Bd7 28.Ra3 Bb5 29.Rf3 f6 30.exf6 gxf6 31.Re3 Rxe3 32.Kxe3 f5 33.g3 Kh5 34.Be7 Bf1 35.h4 f4+ 36.Kf2 Bb5 37.Bxg5 fxg3+ 38.Kxg3 c6 39.Kf4 Bc4 40.Ke5 Bb5* ½-½ (40) Chess-Network (2720)-filolog (2734) Blitz 2023*)* 8...a5 *(8...Be7 9.Na4 Bg4 10.d3 Nc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5+ 12.d4 Be7 13.h3 Be6 14.Qe1 0-0 15.Qc3 Bd7 16.Rf2 h6 17.Bd2 Qc8 18.Raf1 Rb8 19.Ne1 Rb6 20.Qg3 c5 21.Rf6 Bxf6 22.exf6 g6 23.Bxh6 Re8 24.Bg7 Re4 25.Qg5 Bxh3 26.Qh6 Rh4 27.Qxh4 Bg4 28.Qh8#* 1-0 (28) DarkOnBot (2835)-GarboBot (2342) Blitz 2025*)* 9.Na4 Nc5 10.Nxc5 Bxc5+ 11.d4 Be7 12.Be3

0-0 13.b3 h6 14.Qd2 a4 15.b4 Bf5 16.a3 Be4 17.Bf4 Qd7 18.Bg3 Qg4 19.c3 Rae8 20.Rae1 Bd8 21.Bf4 Re6 22.h3 Qh5 23.Rf2 g5 24.Be3 Qg6 25.Nh2 h5 26.Nf3 g4 27.Ng5 gxh3 28.Nxh3 Bh4 29.Bg5 Bxf2+ 30.Qxf2 f6 31.exf6 Rexf6 32.Bxf6 Rxf6 33.Qd2 Qg4 34.Ng5 h4 35.Nxe4 dxe4 36.Re3 Rf4 37.d5 Qf5 38.dxc6 Rf1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.g3 Rf3 41.Rxf3 exf3 42.Qf4 Qe2+ 43.Kh3 f2 44.Qg5+ Kf7 45.Qf5+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kf7 47.Qf5+ Kg7 48.Qg5+ Kh7 49.Qf5+ Kg7 ½-½ (49) Nikitosikbot (2846)-RaspFish (2836) Rapid 2023]

[6...Bg4 Huber,G: 'Not a particularly effective pin, as white will simply step out of it with ♕e1-g3 and gain some time for a kingside initiative.' Huber,G: 'Keine besonders wirkungsvolle Fesselung, da Weiß mit ♕e1-g3 einfach aus der Fesselung geht und Zeit für eine Initiative am Königsflügel gewinnt.'

A) 7.Qe2 Nc5 8.0-0 Ne6 9.Qe1 Bc5+ 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.d3 Rb8 13.Qg3 Bh5 14.b3 f6 15.Bb2 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Bd4 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Re1 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 Qd6 20.Qg4 Re8 21.h3 Re7 22.Qh4 Bf6 23.Qa4 Nd4 24.Rf1 Qc5 25.Qa6 Re8 26.Na4 Qxc2 27.Rc1 Qf2 28.Bc3 Re2 29.Qc8+ Kf7 30.Qd7+ Be7 31.Qg4 Nf5 32.Rg1 g6 0-1 (32) Resha1988 (2765)-jgeg (2640) Blitz 2022;

B) 7.0-0 Bc5+ *(7...Be7 8.Qe1 Nxc3 9.dxc3±)* 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Ne2 *(11.Qd3 Bf5 12.Ng5 Nxg5 13.Rxf5 Ne6 14.Ne2 c5 15.c3 cxd4 16.cxd4 c5 17.Raf1 Rc8 18.h3 h6 19.Kh1 Rc6 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Bd2 Qh4 22.Qxd5 Rc7 23.Nf4 Rd8 24.Be1 Rxd5 25.Bxh4 Nxf4 26.R5xf4 g5 27.Rg4 Rd2 28.Bg3 Re7 29.h4 Kf8 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Rxg5 Be3 32.Rgf5 Rxb2 33.e6 Rxe6 34.Rxf7+ Ke8 35.Rh7 Rh6+ 36.Rxh6 Bxh6 37.Rf2 Rxf2 38.Bxf2 a6 39.g4 Kd7 40.Kg2 Kc6 41.Kf3 Kb5 42.Be3 Bg7 43.Ke4 Kc4 44.g5 a5 45.Bf4 a4 46.Be5 Bf8 47.g6 Bh6 48.Kf5 Kb4 49.Bd6+ Kc3 50.Bf4 Bf8 51.Ke6 Kb2 52.Kf7 Bb4 53.g7 Kxa2 54.g8Q Kb2 55.Be5+ Kc2 56.Qg6+ Kd2 57.Qe4 Be7* 1-0 (58) CXCX83 (2705)-DiaryTraining (2805) Blitz 2023*)* 11...f6 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.c3 Rae8 14.Bc1 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5+ 16.Ned4 Bb6 17.Qd3 c5 18.h3 cxd4 19.hxg4 dxc3+ 20.Be3 cxb2 21.Rae1 Ng3 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 24.Kh2 Nxf1+ 25.Rxf1 b1Q 0-1 (25) littleplotkin (2736)-Ponfish (2703) Blitz 2022;

C) 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Qe1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.h3 Be6 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.d4 0-0 15.Qg3 c5 16.Ba3 cxd4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.cxd4 c5 19.c3 Rab8 20.Rab1 Rb6 21.Qf3 cxd4 22.Rxb6 axb6 23.cxd4 Qe6 24.Qb3 Rc8 25.Kh2 h6 26.Rb1 Rc6 27.Rb2 h5 28.Rc2 Rc4 29.Rxc4 dxc4 30.Qf3 Qc8 31.d5 c3 32.d6 c2 33.d7 Qxd7 34.Qa8+ Kh7 35.Qe4+ g6 36.Qxc2 Qd5 37.Qb2 b5 38.a3 Qc4 39.Qb4 Qd5 40.Qd6 Qb3 41.Qe7 Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Qe7 Qc4 44.h4 Qf4+ 45.g3 Qf2+ 46.Kh3 Qf5+ 47.Kg2 Kg7 48.Qd6 Qe4+ 49.Kf2

Qc2+ 50.Ke3 Qc3+ 51.Kf2 Qc4 52.Qf6+ Kg8 53.Qe7 Kh7 54.Qd6 Qc2+ 55.Kf3 Qf5+ 56.Ke3 Qf1 57.Qf6 Qe1+ 58.Kd4 Kg8 59.Kc5 Qc3+ 60.Kxb5 Qb3+ 61.Kc6 Qxa3 62.e6 Qa6+ 63.Kd7 Qa7+ 0-1 (63) Alexandr_KhleBovich (2783)-dmitrij_IM (2809) Blitz 2021]

[6...Nxc3 7.dxc3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.Qd2 Na5 *(9...Bf5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Ba4 Be4 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg5 Qe8 14.Bf6 gxf6 15.exf6 Kh8 16.Rhe1 Rg8 17.Qh6 Rg6 18.Qh4 Qe5 19.c4 Qg5+ 20.Qxg5 Rxg5 21.h4 Re5 22.cxd5 Na5 23.Rd4 b5 24.Rdxe4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 bxa4 26.Rxa4 Nb7 27.Re4 h6 28.Re7 Kg8 29.Rxc7 Nd6 30.b3 Ne4 31.Rc6 h5 32.c4 Kh7 33.b4 Kg6 34.a4 Nxf6 35.Kc2 Kf5 36.Kd3 Ke5 37.a5 Ne4 38.Rh6 Nf6 39.Ke3 Ng4+* 0-1 (39) McManow (2720)-vistagusta (2841) Blitz 2024*)* 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.h4 Nc4 13.Qf2 Bg4 14.h5 Qc8 15.Qg3 Kh8 16.Rde1 c5 17.h6 g6 18.Bg5 Bxg5+ 19.Nxg5 Be6 20.Rhf1 Qd8 21.Rf6 Qe7 22.Ref1 a5 23.Qf4 Kg8 24.b3 b4 25.bxc4 bxc3 26.Nxe6 Qb7 27.Nxf8 Rb8 28.Kd1 dxc4 29.Bxc4 Qxg2 30.Bb3 c4 31.Rxf7 Qd5+ 32.Ke1 cxb3 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Nxg6+ 1-0 (34) Hanskai (2781)-peradetlic83 (2798) Blitz 2024]

[Mikhalevski, V: 'Again,' 6...Be7 Mikhalevski, V: 'would be normal.' Huber,G: 'A solid choice, black prepares simply to castle and play ...f6 to challenge white's central control.' Huber,G: 'Eine solide Wahl, Schwarz bereitet einfach die Rochade vor, um danach ...f6 zu spielen und die weiße Zentrumskontrolle in Frage zu stellen.'

A) 7.Qe2 Huber,G: 'Forcing the knight to choose from three moves (...♘c5, ...♘xc3, and ...♘g5). They all lead to a slight space advantage for white, but black is solid and it is difficult for white to increase his advantage.'Huber,G: 'Zwingt den Springer, sich zwischen drei Zügen (...♘c5, ...♘xc3 und ...♘g5) zu entscheiden. Jeder von ihnen gibt Weiß leichten Raumvorteil, aber Schwarz steht fest und Weiß fällt es schwer, seinen Vorteil zu vergrößern.'

A1) 7...Nxc3 the most straightforward, though it does accelerate white's development and open the d-file. das direkteste Vorgehen, das allerdings die weiße Entwicklung beschleunigt und die d-Linie öffnet. 8.dxc3 0-0 9.Bf4 a6 10.Bd3 *(10.Bxc6 bxc6=* doesn't offer white much despite the unbalanced pawn structure. bietet Weiß trotz der asymmetrischen Bauernstruktur wenig Möglichkeiten. *11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Nd4 Qd7 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.Rhe1 c5 15.Qd2 Rfd8 16.Bg5 d4 17.b3 dxc3 18.Qe3 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 Rd4 20.Re3 h6 21.Qg3 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Rd8+ 23.Kc1 Rd5 24.Re2 c4 25.Qxc3 cxb3 26.axb3 c5 27.h3 Kh7 28.Re3 Kg8 29.Kb2 Kh7 30.g4 Kg8 31.Ka2 Kh7 32.Qc4 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Qxe5 34.Qxf7 Qc3 35.Qf5+ Kh8 36.h4 a5 37.Qe4 Qf6 38.h5 Qc3 39.Qc4 Qe3 40.Ka3 Qe5 41.Ka4 g6 42.hxg6 Qe8+ 43.Kxa5 Qxg6 44.Kb5 Qg5*

45.Qe4 Kg7 46.c4 Kf6 47.Qc6+ Kg7 48.Qc7+ Kg6 49.Qd6+ Kg7 50.Qe6 Kf8 51.Kc6 Kg7 52.Kd6 Qd8+ 53.Qd7+ Qxd7+ 54.Kxd7 Kf6 55.Kd6 Kg5 56.Kxc5 Kxg4 57.Kb6 1-0 (57) Turner,M (2425)-Morris, P (2375) England 1997*)* 10...Be6 11.0-0-0 the best way to try to keep some prospects in the position. die beste Möglichkeit, um zu versuchen, Möglichkeiten in der Stellung zu bewahren. Qd7 12.h3 f6= with roughly equal chances though still interesting play available for both sides. mit etwa gleichen Chancen, aber weiterhin interessanten Möglichkeiten für beide Seiten. 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Ng5 Bf5 15.Bxf5?! White gives up control of the f-file too quickly. Weiß gibt die Kontrolle über die f-Linie zu schnell auf. *(15.g3* is a bit more promising, keeping tension in the position and leaving the f-file blocked. verspricht etwas mehr; es hält die Spannung in der Stellung und lässt die f-Linie blockiert.*)* 15...Qxf5 16.Bd2 Raf8∓ Black has firm control of the f-file, but it is difficult to turn it into anything concrete with careful play by white.Schwarz hat die f-Linie fest unter Kontrolle, aber es ist schwer, hieraus konkret etwas zu machen, wenn Weiß vorsichtig spielt. 17.Rhe1 Bd6 18.g4 Qg6 19.h4 Rf2 20.Qe6+ Qxe6 21.Nxe6 R8f3 22.Ng5 Rf8 23.Ne6 R8f7 24.Be3 Rg2 25.Rxd5 Rxg4 26.h5 Ne7 27.Rd3 Nf5 28.Bd2 Rh4 29.Nd8 Re7 30.Nxb7 Bf4? *(30...Rxe1+ 31.Bxe1 Bf4+∓* leaves white discoordinated. und Weiß steht unkoordiniert.*)* 31.Rd8+ Kf7 32.Rxe7+ Kxe7 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Ra8= g5? Black should try to win the h-pawn, not exchange it. Schwarz sollte den h-Bauern nicht abtauschen, sondern versuchen, ihn zu gewinnen. 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Rxa6± g5 37.Nc5 g4 38.Nd3 Re4 39.Nf2 Re1+ 40.Kd2 Rb1 41.Nxg4 Rxb2 42.Ne5 Nd6 43.Ra7 Kd8 44.c4 Rb1 45.Kc3 Re1 46.Ra8+ Ke7 47.Nd3 Re4 48.c5 Nb5+ 49.Kd2 Kd7 50.Ra6 Nd4 51.Kc3 Nc6 52.Ra8 Rh4 53.a3 Ne7 54.Ra6 Rh3 55.Kc4 Nc6 56.Ra8 Rh4+ 57.Kc3 Nd4 58.Ra6 c6 59.Ra7+ Kc8 60.Rf7 Ne6 61.Re7 Nc7 62.Kb2 Nd5 63.Rf7 Rc4 64.Rg7 Kd8 65.Rh7 Kc8 66.Rh5 Kb7 67.c3 Rg4 68.Nb4 Nf6 69.Rf5 Rg6 70.Kb3 ½-½ (70) Ivkov,B (2450)-Markus,R (2436) Yugoslavia 2000 EXT 2005 [Huber,G];

A2) 7...Nc5 8.d4 Ne6 9.0-0 0-0 and black has good chances to equalize with the thematic ...f6 break. und der thematische Vorstoß ...f6 gibt Schwarz gute Ausgleichschancen.;

A3) 7...Ng5 8.d4 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 0-0 10.Be3 Nb4 11.0-0-0 c6 12.Be2 f6 and again white's space advantage is neutralized by this break.und wieder neutralisiert dieser Vorstoß den

weißen Raumvorteil.;
A4) 7...Bf5!? Exploring less charted territory.Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. 8.Nd4 Nxc3 9.dxc3N *(9.bxc3 Bd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd7 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.0-0 Rhf8 15.d4 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1* ½-½ (60) Beerdsen,T (2511)-Le,Q (2739) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late blitz 2025 (3)*)* 9...Bd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd6 13.Qxd6 Bxd6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Be3 a6 16.Be2 0-0-0 17.0-0 Rhe8 18.Bg4+ Kb8 19.Bf2 Ne5 20.Bh5 g6 21.Be2 Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Rfe1 b5 24.a4 Kb7 25.axb5 axb5 26.h3 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Be3 Ra2 29.Bc1 Bg3 30.Rd1 Ra1 31.Rf1 Rb1 32.Bxh6 Rxb2 33.Rc1 Be5 34.Bd2 Ra2 35.Kf2 Ra3 36.g4 Bxc3 37.Be3 Be5 38.h4 b4 39.h5 gxh5 40.gxh5 b3 41.cxb3 cxb3 42.h6 b2 43.Rc5 b1Q 44.Rxe5 Qb2+ 0-1 (44) Beerdsen,T (2535)-Pichot,A (2587) Chess.com INT 2025;

B) 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne2 Bg4 9.d3 Nc5 10.d4 Ne6 11.c3 f6 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Ng3 Bd6 14.h3 Bxg3 15.hxg4 Qd6 16.g5 Rf7 17.Qe2 Re7 18.Qd3 Rf8 19.Bd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Ne5 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Rxe5 25.Qf3 Qe7 26.Qg4 g6 27.Rf6 Re1+ 28.Kh2 Qe5+ 29.g3 Qe2+ 30.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 31.Kh3 Rxb2 32.Rxc6 Rxa2 33.Rxc7 Rc2 34.Rc5 a6 35.Kg4 Kf7 36.Rxd5 Rxc3 37.Rd7+ Ke6 38.Rxh7 Rc4+ 39.Kh3 Kf5 40.Ra7 Rc6 41.Rd7 Kxg5 42.Rd5+ Kf6 43.Ra5 Ke6 44.Kg4 Kd6 45.Kg5 Kc7 46.Ra1 Kb6 47.Rb1+ Ka5 48.g4 Ka4 49.Kh6 a5 50.g5 Ka3 51.Rf1 a4 52.Rf6 Rc8 53.Kxg6 Kb4 54.Ra6 a3 55.Kh7 Kb3 56.g6 a2 57.Rxa2 Kxa2 58.g7 Kb3 59.g8Q+ Rxg8 60.Kxg8 ½-½ (60) Jamorris94 (2730)-okriak (2766) Blitz 2024]

[6...Be6 7.0-0 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Rb1 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Qg3 a6 14.Bd3 b5 15.Bf4 Rf7 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.Qe1 Re8 18.Qd2 Rfe7 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Rf7 21.Rfe1 Qd7 22.Re3 Ref8 23.Rbe1 Bf5 24.h3 Bxd3 25.cxd3 Rf5 26.Qg3 R5f6 27.Qh4 Qd6 28.Qh5 a5 29.R3e2 b4 30.c4 Nxd4 31.Re5 dxc4 32.dxc4 Rf5 33.Rxf5 Nxf5 34.Rd1 Qc5+ 35.Kh2 Qc7+ 36.Kg1 Qxc4 37.Qf3 Qxa2 38.Rd7 Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kg1 Qe6 41.Rd1 b3 42.Rf1 Qe3+ 0-1 (42) MeneerMandje (2709)-harsha15 (2562) Blitz 2025]

[6...Bb4 Caruana chooses this relatively rare, but nevertheless old, continuation, which was already tested by Schiffers at the end of the 19th century! This is also the first time the move is tested at the high level since the first quarter of the 20th century. Black's idea seems to be to stop the advance of the d-pawn. Caruana chooses this relatively rare, but nevertheless old, continuation, which was already tested by Schiffers at the end of the 19th century! This is also the first time the move is tested at the high level since the first quarter of the 20th century. Black's idea

seems to be to stop the advance of the d-pawn. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Another rarely played continuation. The idea is to make it difficult for White to play d2-d3.' Caruana chooses this relatively rare, but nevertheless old, continuation, which was already tested by Schiffers at the end of the 19th century! This is also the first time the move is tested at the high level since the first quarter of the 20th century. Black's idea seems to be to stop the advance of the d-pawn. 7.0-0 0-0

A) The 2nd World Champion faced my computer's first line The 2nd World Champion faced my computer's first line Cyrus Lakdawala: 'After' 8.Qe1 Cyrus Lakdawala: '(enabling d2-d3)' f5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?!' '?!' '?!' *(*Probably *8...Bc5+ 9.Kh1* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is equal' *Nxc3 10.dxc3 Ne7* is more accurate*.)* 9.d3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Cyrus Lakdawala: '(Black is forced to lose a tempo)' Be7 Cyrus Lakdawala: ', as in L. McCudden-Em.Lasker, New York (simul) 1928, White stands a bit better after' 11.d4 *(11.Qg3 .)* 11...Be6 12.Qg3 and White was slightly better in McCudden, L-Lasker, E/ New York 1928. and White was slightly better in McCudden, L-Lasker, E/ New York 1928.;

B) 8.Ne2 A new move. White avoids an exchange on c3 and prepares the advance of the c and d-pawns. A new move. White avoids an exchange on c3 and prepares the advance of the c and d-pawns. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A novelty; the ideas are to gain tempi – on Black's b4-bishop with c2-c3 and also on Black's e4-knight with d2-d3.' <xml X:>A novelty; the ideas are to gain tempi â€<nag>174</nag> on Black's b4-bishop with c2-c3 and also on Black's e4-knight with d2-d3.</: X/xml> A new move. White avoids an exchange on c3 and prepares the advance of the c and d-pawns. 8...Bg4

B1) Better was 9.c3!? deserved attention, though after '!' deserved attention, though after Bc5+ *(9...Be7 10.d3 Bc5+)* 10.d4 Cyrus Lakdawala: ', when White's b5-bishop can be re-routed to d3.' Bb6 11.Bd3 Qd7 12.Qc2 Rae8! with the subsequent 13...f6 Black should be able to equalize. with the subsequent 13...f6 Black should be able to equalize.;

B2) 9.Bxc6 An unnecessary exchange. I would rather keep the light-squared bishop. An unnecessary exchange. I would rather keep the light-squared bishop. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'I don't really like this decision, which strengthens Black's centre, gives away the bishop pair, and also potentially weakens White on the light squares, all for the infliction of only minor structural damage to Black's position.' '!?' '!?' An unnecessary exchange. I would rather keep the light-squared bishop. 9...bxc6 10.Kh1 White is preparing 11.d3 and moves the king from the a7-g1

diagonal in order to prevent a check on c5. White is preparing 11.d3 and moves the king from the a7-g1 diagonal in order to prevent a check on c5. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White is preparing 11 d3 and moves the king from the a7-g1 diagonal to prevent a check on c5.' White is preparing 11.d3 and moves the king from the a7-g1 diagonal in order to prevent a check on c5. *(*After the immediate *10.d3 Bc5+ 11.d4 Be7* Black is on top thanks to the strong knight on e4 and pair of bishops.*)* 10...Ng5! If Black waited for 11.d3 he wouldn't be able to exchange this knight. If Black waited for 11.d3 he wouldn't be able to exchange this knight. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This move must be played before White plays d2-d3 and seizes control over g5.' 11.d3 *(*Cyrus Lakdawala: 'b)' *11.c3 Be7 12.Nxg5 Bxg5 13.d4 Be7* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is about even.' *14.Qd3* would be better and promised equal chances. would be better and promised equal chances.*;* Others:

a) Others: a) *11.Nxg5? Qxg5* , when ...Qh5 is coming and White is tied up after *12.h3 Qh5 13.Rf2 Rae8 14.d4 f6! .)* 11...f6 Too fancy. Too fancy. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?' '!?' *(* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'I prefer the more direct' *11...Nxf3! 12.gxf3 Bd7* with the idea of 13...f6 would be slightly better for Black. *13.d4 f6 14.c3 Be7 15.Rg1 Kh8* , when Black is slightly better due to his bishop pair.*)* 12.Bxg5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'It's going to be a battle of knights versus bishops.' '!?' '!?' *(*After *12.a3 Bc5 13.d4 Be7 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bxg5 Bxg5 16.Ne5* , White's knights hold their own against Black's bishops in the semi-open position. *)* 12...fxg5 13.c3 Be7 14.Qa4 White shows that Black also has something to worry about despite the advantage of a bishop pair. White shows that Black also has something to worry about despite the advantage of a bishop pair. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A good move which gains a tempo and reminds Black of his weak c6-pawn.' White shows that Black also has something to worry about despite the advantage of a bishop pair.

B2a) Or 14...Qd7!? 15.Ned4 c5 16.Nc6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rf4 *(17...Bd8? 18.Qb5!* favours White*)* 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qc6 Rd8 20.Rae1 d4 , when I slightly prefer Black, whose structure is less loose.;

B2b) 14...Bd7

B2b1) After After Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White maintains the balance if he creates a dark square blockade with the line' 15.Qd4 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Bf5 *(15...Be6 16.b4!* . Principle: A rigid pawn structure helps the player with knights and harms the

player with the bishops.*)* 16.b4 a5 17.a3 the position remains roughly equal. the position remains roughly equal.;

B2b2) 15.Nd2?! An inaccuracy. An inaccuracy. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This allows Black to roll his c6-pawn forward creating a fluid centre, favouring his bishops.' 15...c5! 16.Rxf8+ Bxf8 17.Qb3 Bf5!∓ Caruana skilfully takes advantage of White's slip. White's light squares are starting to "creak". Caruana skilfully takes advantage of White's slip. White's light squares are starting to "creak". Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Caruana begins to work on his opponent's central light squares.

' '!' '!' Caruana skilfully takes advantage of White's slip. White's light squares are starting to "creak". 18.c4! An attempt to keep the light squares under control. An attempt to keep the light squares under control. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Hector finds the only move.' *(*Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Others: a)' Others: a) *18.d4?* would be bad in view of *Rb8!* and White loses the b2-pawn. *19.Qa3 cxd4 20.Qxa7 c5! 21.cxd4 Rxb2 22.Ng3 Bg6 23.Nb3 c4 24.Nc5 Qb8 25.Qxb8 Rxb8* and White is busted in the ending due to Black's passed c-pawn.*;* b) After *18.Qc2? c4 19.Nc1 c5* do you get the idea that White's pretzel-like knights aren't exactly contributing to society as a positive force? *)* 18...Rb8 19.Qc3 d4 20.Qc2 Qe8! Black is threatening 21... Qg6. Black is threatening 21...Qg6. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Intending ...Qg6, targeting d3.

' *(20...Qe7!? 21.Ng3 Bg6 22.Re1 Qe6∓* also deserved attention.*)* 21.Ng3 Bg6 22.Re1 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (planning): It grows clear that Black's bishops are superior to White's knights. Find a plan to increase Black's already existing advantage.

ANSWER:' EXERCISE (planning): It grows clear that Black's bishops are superior to White's knights. Find a plan to increase Black's already existing advantage. ANSWER: g4! A clever idea. Black takes away the f3-square and prepares an advance of the h-pawn to h4. A clever idea. Black takes away the f3-square and prepares an advance of the h-pawn to h4. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The ideas behind this move are:

1) By pushing the pawn to g4, Black denies White Nf3 options.
2) The push of also prepares for ...h7-h5!, followed by further expansion.
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a)' but there is no saving the game for White at this stage: a) 24.Kh2 would be a better practical chance, but the position is already difficult. would be a better practical chance, but the position is already difficult. Be7 25.Nb3 gxh3 26.gxh3 Rf8 27.Qe2 h5! 28.Nxh5? Qf7 29.Ng3 Bxd3! 30.e6 Qf6 and White's position collapses.;
B2b22) b) 24.h4 Be7 25.h5 Bh4! 26.Ndf1 *(*after *26.hxg6 Bxg3 27.Rd1 Qf5 28.Nf1 Bf2!* threatens ...g4-g3, followed by a queen check on the h-file, to which there is no remedy*)* 26...Bxh5! and White is busted.;
B2b23) 24.hxg4
Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Opening the position further;' 24...Qxg4 25.Ndf1 Be7!-+
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B2b231) After After Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Objectively, it was stronger to keep queens on the board with' 27...Qg5! 28.Qc1 *(28.Qf3 c6!* . Perhaps Caruana missed this idea, which prevents a queen check on d5. Now ... Rf8 is coming and White's position falls apart; e.g. *29.Ne4 Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Rf8 31.Qd1 Rxf1+! 32.Qxf1 Bg3 33.Kg1 Qh5 34.Qf3 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qh1+ 36.Ke2 Qe1# .)* 28...Qxc1 29.Rxc1 Bxd3-+
Black wins easily.;

B2b232) 27...Qxd1?! An inaccuracy in a winning position. An inaccuracy in a winning position. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'QUESTION: Did I just see Caruana swap queens when he could have maintained a vicious attack by keeping them on the board? ANSWER: Perhaps he was low on time and it was a practical decision, since the ending is also easily won for Black, without having to find difficult moves in time pressure. But you are right.' '!?' QUESTION: Did I just see Caruana swap queens when he could have maintained a vicious attack by keeping them on the board? ANSWER: Perhaps he was low on time and it was a practical decision, since the ending is also easily won for Black, without having to find difficult moves in time pressure. But you are right. '!?' An inaccuracy in a winning position. 28.Rxd1 Re8 29.Ne2? Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White's last move was a blunder in an already lost position.' *(* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'More accurate was' *29.Ne4* Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' *Bxe4 30.dxe4 Rxe5 31.g3 Bg5 32.Re1* left some practical chances, though Black should be able to win with accurate play. left some practical chances, though Black should be able to win with accurate play. *g6* , which is also lost for White but still superior to what happened in the game. *)* Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE: Work out a plan to force the win of two key pawns. ANSWER: ' EXERCISE: Work out a plan to force the win of two key pawns. ANSWER: 29...Bh5! Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The sharpshooter's rifle barrel pokes out from h5. The e2-knight is pinned and White's rook is forced to d2.' 30.Rd2 Bg5 Cyrus Lakdawala: '. Now ...Rxe5 is coming, followed by ...Bg6, and the d3-pawn will drop soon after.' 0-1 (30) Hector,J (2560)-

Caruana,F (2770) Malmö SWE 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] *(30...Bg5* White resigned as after White resigned as after *31.Rb2 Rxe5-+* he also loses the d3-pawn. 6...Bb4 is an interesting line, which requires more practical tests. he also loses the d3-pawn. 6...Bb4 is an interesting line, which requires more practical tests. *)*]

7.d4

[7.Qe2 Bf5 8.d3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 d4 *(9...0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 f6 13.0-0 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Qd6 15.Rf2 Rae8 16.d4 Be4 17.Raf1 Rxf2 18.Qxf2 Bg6 19.h3 h6 20.Qg3 Kh7 21.h4 Re6 22.Qg4 Rf6 23.Rxf6 Qxf6 24.Nxg6 Qxg6 25.Qd7 Qxc2 26.Qxc6 Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Qf4+ 28.Kh3 Qe3+ 29.g3 Qe1 30.Qxd5 Qxc3 31.Qf5+ Kg8 32.d5 Qc1 33.h5 Qh1+ 34.Kg4 Qd1+ 35.Qf3 Qd4+ 36.Kf5 Qf6+ 37.Ke4 Qxf3+ 38.Kxf3 Kf7 39.Ke4 Kf6 40.Kf4 g6 41.hxg6 Kxg6 42.Ke5 Kg5 43.Ke6 h5 44.Kd7 Kg4 45.Kxc7 Kxg3 46.d6 h4 47.d7 h3 48.d8Q h2 49.Qg8+ Kf2 50.Qh8 Kg2 51.Qg7+ Kf2 52.Qh7 Kg2 53.Qg6+ Kf2 54.Qh5 Kg2 55.Qg4+ Kf2 56.Qh4+ Kg2 57.Qg4+ Kf2 58.Qh3 Kg1 59.Qg3+ Kh1 60.Qf2 a5 61.Qf1#* 1-0 (61) Chess-Network (2719)-Kerryxyn (2730) Blitz 2023 *)* 10.0-0 0-0 11.Kh1 dxc3 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qd5 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Bd7 17.Rab1 Rab8 18.Rb3 c5 19.Ne2 Ba4 20.Rxc3 Rb2 21.Rc1 Rxa2 22.Rxc5 Rc8 23.Nc3 Ra3 24.Nd5 Kf8 25.Ra5 c6 26.Ne3 Rb8 27.Rxa7 Rb5 28.Rf1 Rxe5 29.Raxf7+ Ke8 30.Nc4 1-0 (30) Resha1988 (2754)-bancsoo (2797) Blitz 2024]

7...Bb4 8.0-0

[8.Bd2 0-0 9.0-0 *(9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxc6 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 bxc6 12.Nxe4 Qh4+ 13.Nf2 Rd8 14.c3 c5 15.g3 Qh6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.Re1 cxd4 18.cxd4 c5 19.Qb3 Qc6 20.d5 Rxd5 21.Qf3 Re8 22.Ng4 h5 23.Nf2 Rdxe5 24.Rxe5 Qxf3 25.Rxe8+ Kh7 26.Kf1 Qg2+ 27.Ke2 Qxh2 28.Rd1 Qxg3 29.Rd2 Bf3+ 30.Kd3 Bc6+ 31.Re3 Bb5+ 32.Ke4 f5+* 0-1 (32) McManow (2710)-bancsoo_sucks (2698) Blitz 2024*)* 9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Bg4 11.Qe1 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bb4 Re8 14.Ba3 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Qh4 Qd7 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qg7 19.Raf1 Kh8 20.Kh2 Rg8 21.g4 Rae8 22.c3 Re6 23.Rf5 Rge8 24.Qh5 Ng5 25.h4 Re2+ 26.R1f2 Nf7 27.Kg1 Kg8 28.Rxf6 Rxf2 29.Rxf2 h6 30.Kh2 Re4 31.Rg2 Qf6 32.Kh3 Re3+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 0-1 (33) Fandorine96 (2814)-chesszxj (2836) Blitz 2022]

8...0-0

[8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nxc3 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qd3 Ne4 12.Ba3 a5 13.c4 Ba6 14.Rac1 Qd7 15.Qe3 h6 16.Nh4 0-0-0 17.Nf5 f6 18.Ne7+ Kb7 19.Qb3+ Ka8 20.Qa4 c5 21.Qxa5 Ka7 22.Bxc5+ Nxc5 23.Qxc5+ 1-0 (23) Polyclinical (2798)-Koshechka22 (2670) Blitz 2023]

9.Ne2 Bg4 10.c3 Ba5 11.h3 Bd7 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4 Bb6 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.a4 a5 19.Rf2 h6 20.Be3 Kh7

21.Qg4 Rd8 22.Raf1 Nd5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Nf5 Qc8 25.Qxe4 Rfd8 26.Qh4 Kg8 27.Nxh6+ gxh6 28.Bxh6 Rxd4 29.Qf6 1-0 (29) Cshuki (2855)-YMOG43 (2882) Blitz 2021

6.Bd3 f5

[6...Nc5 7.Bb5 d4 8.Ne2 Ne6 9.0-0 Qd5 10.Ba4 d3 11.cxd3 Qxd3 12.Bc2 Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Qd8 14.Be4 Bb6 15.d3 h6 16.Ng3 Ncd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qh5 Rf8 19.Bd2 c6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Bd7 22.Nf5 Qg5 23.Nd6+ Ke7 24.Rxf7+ Rxf7 25.Qxf7+ Kd8 26.Nxb7+ Kc7 27.Nd6 Rf8 28.Qg6 Qxe5 29.Nc4 Qxc3 30.Qg3+ Nf4 31.Rf1 g5 32.Qe3 Nd5 33.Qxa7+ Kd8 34.Rxf8+ Ke7 35.Qc5+ 1-0 (35) medine2007 (2773)-Nikson135 (2663) Blitz 2022]

7.exf6 Nxf6 8.0-0 Bc5+ 9.Kh1 0-0 10.Bb5

[10.b3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Na4 Bd6 13.Bb2 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.g4 exf3 16.gxh5 Qe8 17.Rxf3 Qe4 18.Kg2 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Kf2 Rxf3+ 21.Kxf3 Rf8+ 22.Kg4 Qg3# 0-1 (22) McManow (2708)-povadingo (2686) Blitz 2024]

10...Bg4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.d4 Bb4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8 17.Qe1 Re8 18.Be3 h6 19.Qh4 Qf5 20.Qf4 Qg6 21.Bg1 Nd6 22.Qd2 Nf5 23.Bf2 Nd6 24.Rf1 Ne4 25.Qd3 Rf8 26.Be1 Rxf1+ 27.Qxf1 Qf6 28.Qe2 Kf7 29.Kg1 Qf4 30.c4 Nd6 31.cxd5 Qxd4+ 32.Qf2+ Qxf2+ 33.Bxf2 a6 34.dxc6 Ke6 35.Bg3 Kd5 36.Kf2 Kxc6 37.Kf3 Kc5 38.Kg4 g6 39.Bf4 g5 40.Bxd6+ cxd6 41.Kh5 d5 42.Kxh6 d4 43.Kxg5 Kc4 44.Kf4 Kc3 45.Ke4 a5 46.h4 a4 47.h5 a3 48.h6 Kxc2 49.Kxd4 Kb2 50.h7 Kxa2 51.h8Q Kb3 52.Qa8 a2 53.g4 1-0 (53) littleplotkin (2811)-lqevsll (2839) Blitz 2022

[87] **7...Be7** 8.Be2!? 0-0 9.0-0 Be6N 10.d4 Na5 11.Qe1 c5 12.Qg3 Re8

[12...Bf5 13.Ng5 Bg6 14.h4 Nc6]

13.Ng5 Bf8 14.Nxh7 Kxh7 15.Bg5 Qc8? Ü 100/(117) 16.Bf6 c4 17.Qh4+ Kg8 18.Rf3 Nc6 19.g4 Bxg4 20.Rg3 Be6 21.Rxg7+ Bxg7 22.Qg5 ½-½ (22) De la Riva Aguado,O (2525)-Timoshenko,G (2566) Andorra 2007

[88] **8.Bb2** Bc5

[8...Bg4 und Schwarz gewinnt. Computer wollen stattdessen 9.Be2 spielen, dann folgt dxc3! 10.Bxc3 Bc5 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qd5 und Weiß hält gerade noch das Gleichgewicht.]

9.cxd4

[9.Qd2 Bg4 10.Be2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxe5 12.Be4 0-0 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.c3 Bb6 15.0-0-0 c5 16.Kb1 c4 17.d4 Ng6 18.g3 Bc7 19.Rhf1 Rb8 20.h4 Re8 21.Qg2 b5 22.Bd5 Re7 23.Ka1 a5 24.h5 Nf8 25.Rf5 Qd6 26.Rdf1 Qxg3 27.Qxg3 Bxg3 28.Bxf7+ Kh8 29.Bxc4 Nd7 30.Bxb5 Nf6 31.h6 Reb7 32.a4 Bh4 33.Rh1 Bg3 34.hxg7+ Kxg7 35.Rg5+ Kh8 36.Rxg3 1-0 (36) S_Ovsejevitsch (2714)-kvadrik (2557) Blitz 2022]

9...Nxd4 10.c3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.d4 Bb6 13.Bd3 Qh4+ 14.g3 Qg4 15.Be2 Qxf3 16.Bxf3 c6 17.0-0 f6 18.Ba3 Rf7 19.Be2 Be6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Rxf6 gxf6 22.Rf1 Kg7 23.Be7 Bd8 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.a4 b6 26.a5 c5 27.axb6 axb6 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bxd1 f5 31.Kf2 Kf6 32.Ke3

Ke5 33.Ba4 h6 34.Bb5 Bd5 35.Be8 Be4 36.Bh5 Bc2 37.Bf3 Bb1 38.Bg2 Bc2 39.Bf1 Be4 40.Be2 Bd5 41.Bf3 Bb3 42.Kd3 Ba2 43.Bc6 f4 44.Bb7 fxg3 45.hxg3 Be6 46.Ba8 Bd5 47.Bxd5 Kxd5 48.g4 c4+ 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.Kf3 Kf6 51.Kg3 Kg5 52.Kf3 Kg6 53.Kf4 Kf6 54.Ke4 Kg5 55.Kf3 Kg6 56.Kf4 Kf6 57.Ke4 Kg5 58.Kf3 ½-½ (58) Alexsur81 (2798)-makeareason (2590) Blitz 2022

8.cxd4 Nxd4

[8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2∞ Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 *(10.Kxd2 Nxd4 11.c3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 0-0 13.Be2 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Qe3 Bf5 16.Rhf1 Re6 17.Qg3 Qe7 18.Bh5 Qa3 19.Bf7+ Kxf7 20.Rxf5+ Kg8 21.Rb5 Rf8 22.Qg4 Ref6 23.Qd4 Rf2+ 24.Ke3 Qa6 25.Rg5 Qh6 26.h4 c6 27.Qg4 c5 28.Qc4+ R8f7 29.Re1 b5 30.Qe4 Qf6 31.Re5 Rf8 32.g3* 0-1 (32) Barfoed,E (2420)-Huuskonen,V (2400) SSKK 1997 *)* 10...Nxd4

A) 11.c3 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3

A1) 12...Qh4+ gewinnt Weiß die Figur zwar zurück, aber ohne einen Vorteil zu erringen. 13.Qf2

A1a) 13...Qf4 14.Qg3 *(14.d4 Bf5 15.Bc4 0-0 16.Ke2 Kh8 17.Qe3 Qh4 18.Bd3 Bxd3+ 19.Kxd3 c5 20.Qe4 Qe7 21.d5 b5⇄* Notizberg,T-Krivec, J/Bled op-B 1996/½-½ (59) *)*

A1a1) 14...Qe3+ 15.Be2 Bf5 16.f4 Qc5 *(16...Qxg3+ 17.hxg3 0-0-0 18.Kd2 c5 19.Ke3±* ½-½ Dekan,J-Gustavsson,C/Wuerzburg op 1992 (45)*)* 17.d4 Qc6 18.Kd2 Qb6 19.Rhc1 Qb2+ 20.Ke3 g6 21.Qg2 c6 22.Bf3 Qb6 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qc7 25.Rc2 Qd7 26.Rf1 f5 27.Qg2 Rd8 28.Rd1 Rg8 29.h4 Qe7 30.Qh3 Rd5 31.c4 Ra5 32.Rd3 Ra3 33.Rb3 Qb4 34.Kf2 Qa4 35.Qc3 Rxa2 36.Rxa2 Qxa2+ 37.Rb2 Qa1 38.d5 Qh1 39.Rxb7 Qh2+ 40.Ke1 Qxh4+ 41.Kd1 Qg4+ 42.Kc2 Qe2+ 43.Kb3 Qd1+ 44.Ka3 1-0 (44) Toth, G (2447)-Blasovszky,I (1800) corr HUN-ch32 1991;

A1a2) 14...Qh6 15.Rg1 Bf5 16.Be2 g6 17.d4 Be6 18.f4 0-0 19.h4 Kh8 20.Qg5 Kg7 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.h5 Qg7 23.Qh4 f5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Kf2 Kf7 26.Bh5 Rh8 27.Rxg6 Qxg6 28.Bxg6+ 1-0 (28) Ballon,G (2451)-Lillo;

A1b) 13...Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Rg8 *(14...0-0 15.f4 f6 16.Ke3 Bf5 17.d4±* 1-0 Sammut Briffa, P-Abdulghafour,E/Moscow olm MLT-QTR 1994 (38)*)* 15.d4 Bf5 16.Ke3 Rd8 17.c4 Ke7 18.d5 f6 19.f4 g5 1-0 (19) Garcia,J (2481)-Van Doorn,J;

A2) 12...f6 13.0-0-0 fxe5

A2a) 14.f4 0-0 15.fxe5

A2a1) 15...Qe7 16.d4 c5!∓ *(16...Qa3+ 17.Kb1 Bf5+ 18.Ka1 Rad8 19.Bg2±*) 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.e6?! *(18.Rhf1 Bf5* Δcd,♕a3,⇔c*)* 18...cxd4 19.Rhe1 *(19.cxd4 Bxe6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Kb2-+; 19.Qxd4 Bxe6 20.Bxe6*

Qxe6∓) 19...Rf6!∓ 20.Qe2 dxc3 21.Kc2 Bxe6! 22.Bxe6 Qa3-+ 23.Rb1 Rd8 24.Red1 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qb2+ 26.Kd3 Qxe2+ 0-1 (26) Biolek,R (2410)-Mokry,K (2500) Olomouc 1997 CBM 061 [Blatny,P];

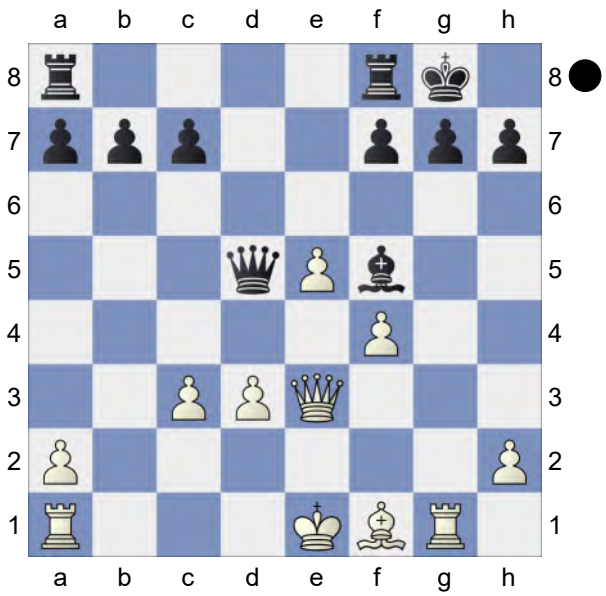
A2a2) 15...Qd5 16.d4 Bg4 *(16...Qxh1?? 17.Bc4++-)* 17.Bg2 Bf3 18.Bxf3 Rxf3 19.Rhe1 Qc4 20.Kb2 Raf8 21.Re2 Rxc3 22.e6 Rcf3 23.Rde1 Rd3 24.Qc2 Qxd4+ 25.Kb1 Rf5 0-1 Mariette,C-Flear,C/FRA-chT 1991/TD 91\02;

A2a3) 15...Be6 16.Bg2 c6 17.Rde1 Qa5 18.Be4 Rad8 19.Rhg1 Bxa2 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Bg6 Qa3+ 22.Kd1 Qa4+ 23.Kc1 Qa3+ 24.Kd1 Bd5 25.Rg3 Bf3+ 26.Kc2 Qa2+ ½-½ (26) Toth,G (2447)-Ferencz,M (2202) corr HUN-ch32 1991;

A2b) 14.Re1 0-0 15.Rxe5 Rxf3 *(15...Qf6 16.d4 Bf5 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.Rhe1 Rad8 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 b6 21.Qe3 h6 22.Re6 Qf5 23.Re7 Rd7 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.Qe7 Qf5 26.Re3 Qf4↑* 0-1 Fedchenko-Onischuk,A/UKR-chT Alushta 1994 (43)*)* 16.d4 Qf8 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.Kb2 Bd7 19.Rhe1 Re8 20.R1e2 c6 21.Bb3 c5 22.Bc2 Rxe5 23.Rxe5 Rf2 24.Re2 Rxe2 25.Qxe2 Qd6 26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Qe4 Qb5+ 28.Ka1 Qf1+ 29.Kb2 Qb5+ 30.Ka3 Qa6+ ½-½ (30) Toth,G (2447)-Eilmes,D (2337) ICCF Email 2000;

A3) 12...Qd5 Huber,G: 'Recommended in NCO. 12...♕h4+?! and 12...f6 are the main alternatives, examined elsewhere. ' Huber,G: 'In NCO empfohlen. 12...♕h4+?! und 12...f6 sind die beiden Hauptalternativen, die an anderer Stelle untersucht werden. ' 13.Qe3 *(13.Qe2 Bf5 14.d4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Rhe8 16.c4 Qa5 17.Qb2 Re6 18.c5 Rxe5 19.Bc4 Re3* 0-1 Prueske,W-Nickl,K/Dortmund 1990/EXT 97 (19) Blatny,P: ' 0-1 Prueske,W-Nickl,K/Dortmund op 1990'*; 13.Qf4* Huber,G: '?!' *Be6 14.Be2 0-0-0* Huber,G: '∓' Huber,G: '(NCO)' Huber,G: 'leaves white with an exposed king and little counterplay.'Huber,G: 'gibt Weiß einen exponierten König und wenig Gegenspiel.'*)* 13...Bf5 14.Rg1 Huber,G: ' ∞'Huber,G: 'With a roughly balanced position in theory, but white must work very hard to keep his king and center safe in practice.' Huber,G: 'Mit einer theoretisch ungefähr ausgeglichenen Stellung, aber Weiß muss sehr hart arbeiten, um seinen König und sein Zentrum in der Praxis sicher zu halten.' 0-0 15.f4

(Diagram)



f6N Huber,G: 'Black intends to attack white's center with ...f6 and ...c5, while white must try to generate counterplay on the kingside.' Huber,G: 'Schwarz möchte das weiße Zentrum mit ...f6 und ...c5 angreifen, während Weiß versuchen muss, Gegenspiel am Königsflügel zu entwickeln.' *(=15...Rad8 16.d4 c5 17.dxc5 f6 18.c4 Qf7 19.Bg2 Rfe8 20.Bd5 Be6 21.0-0-0 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rxd5 23.e6 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Qxe6 25.Qxe6+ Rxe6 26.Rd7 Rc6 27.Rxb7 Rxc5+ 28.Kd2 Ra5 29.Rb2 Ra3 30.Ke1* Hassim,U-Bunyan,H/IECG Email 1999/MegaCorr2/0-1 (44)*)* 16.d4 c6 17.Bg2 Qe6 18.Qg3 Rf7 19.Bf3 fxe5 20.fxe5 Raf8∓ 21.Bd1 Be4! 22.h4 Huber,G: '?!' Huber,G: 'Rather slow, black can now go on the offensive.' Huber,G: 'Ziemlich langsam, Schwarz kann jetzt in die Offensive gehen.' *(22.Bh5* Huber,G: ' ∞'*)* 22...c5 Huber,G: '∓' 23.Be2 Huber,G: '?!' cxd4 24.cxd4 Qb6 Huber,G: '∓' 25.Qc3 Bd5!∓ 26.Rd1 Bxa2 27.h5 Bd5 28.Rg3 a6 29.Qe3 Kh8 30.Rg1 a5 31.Rd2 a4 32.Rg3 Rf4 33.Qc3 Qb1+ 34.Rd1 Qf5 35.Rg1 Re4 36.Qg3 Rf7 37.Rc1 Bc6 0-1 (37) Toth,G (2447)-Rodin,E (2429) ICCF Email 2000 Fernschach 2022 [Knudsen];

A4) 12...0-0;

B) 11.Qf2]

9.c3 Nxf3+

[9...Nb5 10.Bb2 c5 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nd2 b6 14.Bf3 Rb8 15.Ne4 a5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.a4 Nc7 18.c4 Na6 19.Be2 Nb4 20.Rf3 Nc6 21.Raf1 Nd4 22.Bd1 h6 23.Nf6+ Kh8 24.Rf4 1-0 (24) Pfretzschner Roland (2543)-Schmidt Hans Peter (2190)]

10.Qxf3 Be7

[10...Qh4+ 11.g3 Qg4 12.Bg2 c6 13.0-0 Qxf3 14.Bxf3 Bh3 15.Re1 0-0-0 16.d4 h5 17.a4 Be7 18.a5 a6 19.Ba3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 h4 21.g4 Rh6 22.Kf2 Rg6 23.Rg1 f5 24.g5 f4 25.Bh5 Re6 26.Bf7 Re7 27.g6 c5 28.Ra4 Kb8 29.Rc4 cxd4 30.cxd4 Bd7 31.Kf3 Bb5 32.Rb4 Rc7 33.Kxf4 Rc2 34.e6 Re2 35.Rc1 h3 36.Rc3 Rxh2 37.e7 Rh8 38.Rxb5 axb5 39.e8Q+ Rxe8 40.Bxe8 Rf2+ 41.Kg3 h2 42.Rc1 Rd2 43.Bxb5 Rxd4 44.Kxh2 Rd5 45.Be8 Rxa5 46.Kg3 Ka7 47.Kf4 Ra2 48.Bf7 Rf2+ 49.Ke5 b5 50.Kd6 Kb6 51.Ke7 b4 52.Kf8 b3 53.Rb1 b2 54.Kxg7 Kc5 55.Kf8 Kb4 56.g7 Rg2 57.g8Q Rxg8+ 58.Bxg8 1-0 (58) Alexsur81 (2748)-IMFAR (2701) Blitz 2023]

[10...Be6]

[10...c6 11.d4 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qg4 13.Qxg4 Bxg4 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Ke2 c5 17.Kd3 Be7 18.Rf1 Rf8 19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Be3 cxd4 21.Bxd4 Ba3 22.Rf1 a6 23.Bb6 Rc8 24.Rb1 Kd7 25.Rb3 Be7 26.a4 Kc6 27.Bd4 b5 28.axb5+ ½-½ (28) Cranbourne,C (2418)-Webb,S (2662) IECG email 1995]

11.d4 0-0 12.Bd3

[12.Bc4 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qxb7 c5 15.Be3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Qe8 17.Rf1 Qg6 18.Qxe7 Qe4+ 19.Kd2 Qxg2+ 20.Bf2 Rxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kd3 Qf5+ 23.Kd4 Qf4+ 24.Kd3 Qxe5 25.Rf1 h6 26.Rf7 Rc8 27.c4 Rc6 28.Rxg7+ Qxg7 29.Qe8+ Kh7 30.Qxc6 Qg6+ 31.Kc3 Qf6+ 32.Kb3 Kg6 33.Qg2+ Kf7 34.Qb7+ Qe7 35.Qe4 Qf6 36.c5 e5 37.Kc4 Qe6+ 38.Kb5 Qxa2 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qxh6+ Ke7 42.Qg7+ Ke6 43.Qg8+ 1-0 (43) AttackingBeast (2718)-iaing (2578) Blitz 2022]

12...c5

[12...f6 13.Qe4 g6 14.Bh6 Bf5 15.Qe3 fxe5 16.Bxf8 Bh4+ 17.g3 exd4 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Qxd4+ Qxd4 20.cxd4 Bf6 1-0 (20) FantasticInspiration (2746)-OptimistischesSchach (2670) Blitz 2023]

13.Be3 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Be6 15.0-0 Qc7

[15...Rc8 16.Qxb7 Bc5 17.Qe4 g6 18.h4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.a4 Rfd8 21.Ba6 Rc7 22.Rfd1 Be6 23.Kf2 Bxd4+ 24.cxd4 Rc2+ 25.Ke3 Rxg2 26.Bb7 Rg3+ 27.Kf2 Rb3 28.Bf3 Bd5 29.Bxd5 Rxd5 30.Rac1 Kg7 31.Rc7 a5 32.e6 Rf5+ 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Rxf7+ Rxf7 35.exf7 Kxf7 36.h5 gxh5 37.Rf1+ Ke6 38.Rh1 Rb4 39.Kd3 Rxa4 40.Rxh5 Ra1 41.Rh6+ Kd5 42.Rh5+ Kd6 43.Rh6+ Kd5 44.Rh5+ Kd6 45.Rh6+ Kd5 ½-½ (45) RodTwinkz (2748)-champion-2023 (2664) Blitz 2023]

16.Kh1 Rad8 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6 Bc5 19.Rf4 Bxd4 20.Rh4 f5 21.cxd4 Rf7 22.Rc1 Qa5 23.h3 Qxa2 24.Qg5 Rdf8 25.Rf1 Bd5 26.Rhf4 Qd2 27.Bb1 Rc8 28.Bxf5 Rc1 29.Qd8+ Kg7 30.Qxd5 Qxf4 31.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qxf5 34.Qd6 Qf2+ 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+ 38.Kg1 Qe4 39.Kh2 Qe3 40.e6 Qf4+ 41.Qxf4 Rxf4 42.d5 Kf6 43.Kg3 Rd4 44.h4 Rxd5 45.h5 Ke7 46.hxg6 hxg6 47.Kf3 Kxe6 48.Kf4 Kf6 49.g4 Rd4+ 50.Ke3 Rxg4 51.Kd3 g5 52.Ke2 Rf4 53.Ke3 Kf5 54.Ke2 a5 55.Kd3 a4 56.Kc2 a3 57.Kb1 g4 58.Ka2 g3 59.Kb3 g2 60.Kxa3 g1Q 61.Ka2 Qg3 62.Kb1 Rf2 0-1 (62) RodTwinkz (2767)-StoleLaf (2569) Blitz 2023

[89] **8...Bc5** 9.c4

[9.0-0 Papp,Petra: '♕' Papp,Petra: 'Black has compensation due to White's king being in the centre.' RR: 'büßt Schwarz den ♘h1 ein, sollte aber trotzdem gewinnen.' dxc3+ *(9...0-0 10.Kh1 Qe7 11.c4 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.Bf3 Bd6 15.Bd2 c5 16.Be4 Qh4 17.h3 Qg3 18.Kg1 Qh2+ 19.Kf2 Bxh3 20.Qf3 f5 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Rh1 Qxg2+ 23.Qxg2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Rab8 25.Rae1 b6 26.Re6 Rbd8 27.Kf3 Rfe8 28.Rhe1 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Bf8 30.Bg5 Rc8 31.Kf4 g6 32.Bh4 Bh6+ 33.Kf3 Bg7 34.Re7 h6 35.Bg3 g5 36.Rxa7 Re8 37.Bc7 g4+ 38.Kf4 h5 39.Kxf5 Kh7 40.Kg5 Re7 41.Kxh5 g3 42.Kg4 Be5 43.Be4+ Kh6 44.Bxe5 Rxa7 45.Bxg3 Rxa2*

46.Bd6 Rxc2 47.Bf8# 1-0 (47) yoseph2013 (2719)-Kimster98 (2699) Blitz 2022 *)* 10.Kh1

A) 10...0-0 Papp,Petra: '?!' 11.Qe1 Atalik,Suat: ' ⩱' Papp,Petra: '!'

(11.Rb1 Nd4 12.Ng5 Bb6 13.Ne4 Qd5 14.Bf4 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 Bd4 16.Qh5 c5 17.Rbe1 Be6 18.Ng5 Bf5 19.Bg3 Bg6 20.Qh4 Rae8 21.Qf4 f6 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.Qh4 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Qf5 25.Nf3 Qd5 26.Qg4 Bh5 27.Qc8+ Rf8 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxf3 30.gxf3 Bxf3# 0-1 (30) Rzayev,B (2720)-jncool68 (2746) Blitz 2021 *)*

A1) 11...Bb4 12.Qg3 Bf5 13.Be3 Bg6 14.Rae1 Qe7 15.Bd1 Rad8 16.Bg5 1-0 (16) Pfretzschner Roland (2543)-Mayr;

A2) 11...Bd4 12.Qg3 Bf5 13.Rb1 b6 14.Bd1 Qd7 *(14...Qd5 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Rb4 Bg6 17.h4 h5 18.Rc4 c5 19.a4 Rac8 20.Bf4 Qc6 21.Re1 Rcd8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxc3 Qb5 24.Qf2 a4 25.Ra3 Qb4 26.Bc1 Nb5 27.Ra1 Rfe8 28.Bd2 Qd4 29.Qxd4 Rxd4 30.Kg1 c4 31.dxc4 Rxc4 32.Be2 Rxc2 33.Bxb5 Rb8 34.Be2 Rxd2 35.Rxa4 Re8 36.Bf3 Re7 37.e6 Kf8 38.Rc1 fxe6 39.Ra5 Red7 40.Kh2 Ke7 41.Rca1 Kf6 42.Bxh5 Bxh5 43.Rxh5 Rd1 44.Rxd1 Rxd1 45.Ra5 Rd7 46.g4 g6 47.Kg3 Re7* ½-½ (47) Barreras Garcia,R (2435)-Caglia,G (1929) ICCF 2009 *)* 15.Ba3 Rfe8 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bb4 Qc6 18.Rf4 Rad8 19.Qh4 a5 20.Bxa5 Rd5 21.Bxb6 cxb6 22.Rxd4 Rdxe5 23.Bf3 Qe6 24.Rg1 h6 25.a4 Re1 26.g4 Bg6 27.Qg3 Rxg1+ 28.Kxg1 h5 29.Kg2 Qe3 30.Qf2 Qd2 31.gxh5 Bf5 32.Rc4 Qg5+ 33.Qg3 Qd2+ 34.Qf2 Re1 35.Rf4 Bd7 36.Kg3 Qc1 37.Bg4 Bxg4 38.Rxg4 Qd2 39.Re4 Rxe4 40.dxe4 Qg5+ 41.Kf3 Qxh5+ 42.Ke3 Qc5+ 43.Kf3 Qd6 44.Qe3 Qd1+ 45.Qe2 Qd7 46.Qe1 g5 47.Qg1 Qd2 48.Qg4 Kg7 49.Qf5 ½-½ (49) Tauscher,D (2515)-Brueske,T (2316) www.remoteschach.de 2010;

A3) 11...Nd4 Papp,Petra: '?!'

A3a) 12.Bd1

A3a1) 12...Nxf3 Papp,Petra: '0-1 (31) Derakhshani,D (2370)-Muzychuk,A (2561) Munich GER 2016' 13.Bxf3 Papp,Petra: ' ±!' Papp,Petra: 'This is an improvement with the idea of ♔b1, ♖c1.' c6 *(13...Re8* Papp,Petra: '!?' *14.Qg3* Papp,Petra: '!' Papp,Petra: '- Lintchevski-Sutovsky'*; 13...Qd4 14.Be4 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Bf4 Bd7 17.Qh4 h6 18.Bxc7 Raf8 19.Rxf6 Rxf6 20.Qg3 Qf2 21.h3 Qf1+ 22.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 23.Kh2 Bg1+ 24.Kh1 Bf2+ 25.Kh2 Bxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Bc6* 0-1 (26) Arndt,R (2437)-Shoup Karl (2169)*)* 14.Rb1 a5 15.Qxc3 Bd4 16.Qe1 Re8 17.Bf4 Qe7 18.Qg3 g6 Black is for choice due to the artificial isolation of the

e-pawn.;
A3a2) 12...Bb6 13.Qg3 Nf5 14.Qf4 Qd5 15.Ng5 Re8 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Bf3 Qc5 18.a4 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Ba3 Qd4 21.Re4 Qf2 22.Re2 Qh4 23.Bd5+ Kg6 24.Rf1 Qxf4 25.Rxf4 Be6 26.Be4 Kg5 27.Bc1 Kg6 28.g4 Rf8 29.gxf5+ Bxf5 30.Rg2+ Kh7 31.Rxf5 Rxf5 32.Bxf5+ Kh8 33.Rg3 Rf8 34.Rf3 g6 35.Be4 Re8 36.Bxh6 Rxe5 37.Bf4 Rh5 38.Kg2 Bd4 39.Bxg6 Ra5 40.Be8 c6 41.Bh6 Rxa4 42.Bg6 Bc5 43.Rf7 Rg4+ 44.Kf3 Rxg6 45.Bf4 Rf6 46.Rxf6 1-0 (46) Derek_Clasby (2721)-RSUPE_MiRacLe (2616) Blitz 2020;
A3b) 12.Qxc3 Bb6 13.Qd2 Bg4 14.c3 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 Re8 16.d4 c5 17.Be3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qd5 19.Rad1 Rac8 20.Qf2 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.Rxf3 Rc2 23.Rf2 Rc3 24.Re2 Kf8 25.Bg1 ½-½ (25) yoseph2013 (2747)-Lynxinner (2578) Blitz 2021;

B) 10...h6 11.Qe1 Be6 12.a4 Qd5 13.Qxc3 Nxe5 14.Rb1 Nd7 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qd2 Bg4 17.c4 Qh5 18.Rxb7 a5 19.h3 Bb4 20.Qd1 Nc5 21.Rb5 c6 22.Rb6 Rad8 23.Bh2 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Qg6 25.Rxc6 Qxd3 26.Qxd3 Nxd3 27.Bd5 Rd7 28.Rf3 Ne1 29.Rg3 Kh8 30.Bg1 Re8 31.Bd4 f6 32.Re3 Red8 33.Bb6 Rxd5 34.cxd5 Rxd5 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Rd8 Rxd8 37.Bxd8 Kg6 38.Be7 Nc2 39.Rg3+ 1-0 (39) Jenal,J (2415)-Nielsen Mogens;
C) 10...Nd4 11.Qe1 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 Bg4 13.d4 Bxd4 14.Qb5+ c6 15.Qxb7 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 0-0 17.Qxc6 Bxe5 18.Ba3 Re8 19.Raf1 f6 20.Rd3 Qb6 21.Qc4+ Qe6 22.Qxe6+ Rxe6 23.Bb4 Rc6 24.g3 Rb8 25.a3 Rb5 26.Rd7 a5 27.Be7 Rc7 28.Rfd1 Rxd7 29.Rxd7 Rb1+ 30.Kg2 Rb2 31.Kf3 Kf7 32.Ra7 Rxc2 33.Ke4 Re2+ 34.Kd3 c2 35.Bb4+ Kg6 36.Bd2 Rxh2 37.Kxc2 Bxg3 38.Kd3 Rh3 39.Kc4 Be5 40.Rxa5 Rh4+ 41.Kd5 Rd4+ 42.Ke6 Rxd2 43.Ra7 Ra2 44.a4 Bc3 45.Ra6 h5 46.Kd5 h4 47.Kc4 Be5 48.Kb3 Ra1 49.Rc6 h3 50.Rc2 h2 51.Rg2+ Kf7 52.Ra2 h1Q 53.Rxa1 Qxa1 54.a5 Qb2+ 55.Kc4 Qb8 56.a6 g5 57.a7 Qxa7 58.Kd5 Qd7+ 59.Ke4 Qg4+ 60.Kd5 Qd4+ 61.Kc6 Qd6+ 62.Kb5 g4 63.Kc4 g3 64.Kb3 g2 65.Kc4 g1Q 66.Kb3 Qgc5 67.Ka2 Qa6+ 68.Kb3 Qab6+ 69.Ka2 Qca5# 0-1 (69) CheeryChocolate (2781)-imsorrycheckmate (2607) Blitz 2022]

[9.Bb2 Atalik,Suat: 'Ü 5/215 Atalik,S: '— 5/215"]

9...0-0

[9...Be6 10.0-0 Bxc4 11.dxc4 d3+ 12.Kh1 dxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rb1 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Rxb7 Bb6 17.a4 Rae8 18.Ba3 Rxe5 19.Qf3 Qe4 20.Rb8 Ree8 21.Qxe4 1-0 (21) DravenJarvan (2719)-stipunski (2702) Rapid 2021]

10.0-0 Bg4 11.Bf4 Re8 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Qh4 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 Nxe5 15.Rh3 h6 16.Bxh6 Ng6 17.Qh5 gxh6 18.Bg4

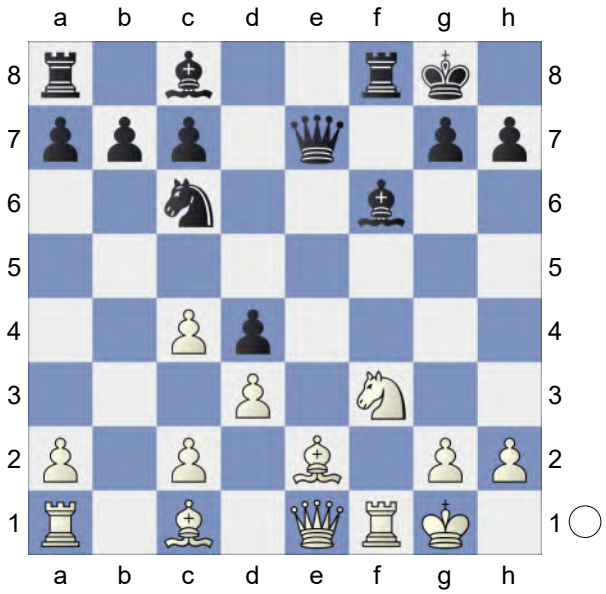
Qe7 19.Qxh6 Qf6 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Rf1 Qg7 22.Qh5 Re5 23.Bf5 Rae8 24.Rhf3 Kg8 25.Rg3 Bd6 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Qh4 Re1 28.Rgf3 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Rf8 30.Rf3 Rxf3 31.gxf3 Kf7 32.Qe4 Qf6 33.Qxb7 Qe5 34.Kf1 Qxh2 35.Qd5+ Kf6 36.c5 Qe5 37.Qc6 Qxc5 38.Qe4 Qe5 39.Qh4+ Kg7 40.Qh8+ 1-0 (40) AAK203 (2801)-carguru (2621) Blitz 2023

8...Be6 9.0-0 h6 10.Kh1 dxc3 11.d4 Qd5 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Qd3 Nb4 14.Qxc3 Qe4 15.Qd2 Qxc2 16.Qe1 Qe4 17.Qd2 Qc2 18.Qe1 Nd3 19.Bxd3 Qxd3 20.Rd1 Qa3 21.Rc1 Bb4 22.Qe2 Qxa2 23.Rc2 Qd5 24.Rfc1 c6 25.Nd2 f6 26.Nc4 fxe5 27.dxe5 Qe4 28.Bxa7 Qxe2 29.Rxe2 Bxc4 30.Rxc4 Rd1+ 31.Bg1 Ba5 32.Rb2 Rf8 33.g3 Rff1 34.Kg2 Rxg1+ 35.Kh3 Rge1 36.Ra4 b6 37.Rc2 Kb7 38.Rf2 Rd7 39.Rf5 Re7 40.e6 R1xe6 41.Rf8 Re4 42.Ra2 g5 43.Rh8 R4e6 44.Kg4 c5 45.Kh5 c4 46.g4 c3 47.Rc2 Rd7 48.h3 Rd2 49.Rxc3 Bxc3 50.Rg8 Rd3 51.h4 Rh3 52.Rg7+ Kc6 53.Rc7+ Kd5 54.Rd7+ Ke4 55.Rd4+ Kf3 56.Rd3+ Kg2 57.Rxh3 gxh4 0-1 (57) Ellaijio (2711)-Karl0choa (2609) Blitz 2023

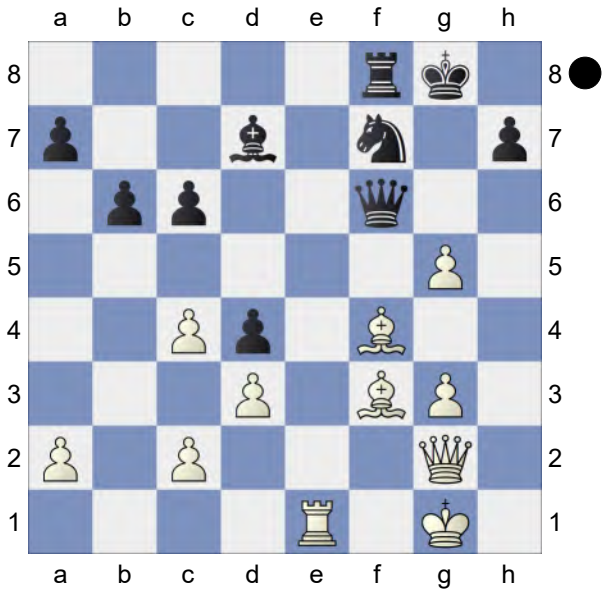
8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bb2

[10.Qe1 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.c4 Qe7 Knobel, R: 'Diagram

(Diagram)



' 13.Nd2 *(13.Rb1 b6 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.Bf3 Rae8 16.Ne4 Ne5 17.Bh5 Bh4 18.g3 Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Rf8 20.Qg2 Bf6 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Bf4 c6 23.Re1 Nf7 24.h4 g6 25.Bf3 g5 26.hxg5* Diagram



½-½ (26) Wunderlich,H (2547)-Hugentobler,P (2480) Switzerland 2002 Corr 2006 [Knobel, R]*)* 13...Be6 *(13...Bg5 14.Rxf8+ Qxf8 15.Bf3 Be3+ 16.Kh1 Ne5 17.Bd5+ Kh8 18.Nf1 Bxc1 19.Rxc1* ½-½ Dambacher,M-De Jong,J/Leiden

2003 (29)) 14.Ne4 Rae8 15.Bf3 Nd8 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Ba3 Rf7 18.Qa5 b6 19.Qxa7 Qg5 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.c5 Ref8 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Qxb6 Bd5 24.Bxf8 Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Bxf3 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qxd4+ Kg6 28.Qd6+ Kf7 29.Qd7+ Kg6 30.Qe8+ 1-0 (30) Peter,L (2550)-McMillan,N]

10...Bc5 Atalik,Suat: '!'Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'Now since c1-g5 diagonal is not active I have stepped towards c5 with my bishop as I have planned in the opening.'' 11.Kh1 Atalik,Suat: 'N!?'

[11.cxd4]

11...Re8 12.cxd4 Bxd4 Atalik,Suat: '!'

[Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'After '' 12...Nxd4 13.c3 Nxe2 14.Qxe2 Atalik,Suat: '↑' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'I felt that whites massive pawn center might have become a serious threat."]

13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bh5 Atalik,Suat: '!'

[14.Qd2 Atalik,Suat: '?' Rxe5 15.Qf4 f6 Atalik,Suat: '∓']

14...g6 15.Qd2 Atalik,Suat: '!' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'This move has surprised me. I have immediately realized that I could settle for a drawish ending easily but to keep the game going on has also its drawbacks." 15...c5

[15...gxh5 16.Bxd4 Qxd4 17.Qg5+ Kf8 *(17...Kh8* Atalik,Suat: '?' *18.Qf6+ Kg8 19.Qxf7+* Atalik,Suat: '+-' *)* 18.Rxf7+ *(18.Qh6+* Atalik,Suat: '=' *Ke7* Atalik,Suat: '△?' *19.Qf6+ Kd7 20.e6+* Atalik,Suat: '+-' *)* 18...Kxf7 19.Qf6+ Kg8 20.Qg5+ Atalik,Suat: '=']

[15...Rxe5 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qf4 Rf5 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Be6 Atalik,Suat: '=']

16.Bf3 Rxe5 17.Rab1 Be6 Atalik,Suat: '!' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'I do not like lagging in development thus I hit on his weaknesses too.'' 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Rxb7 Qa5 20.Qf2 Atalik,Suat: '!' 20...Rd8 21.Qh4 Atalik,Suat: '!' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'A very strong move which almost made me regret about my decision on the 15th move."

[21.Bg4 Atalik,Suat: '?!' Bf5 22.Qh4 Rde8 23.Qf6 Qd5 Atalik,Suat: '→' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'is a good example of attack and defense at the same time."]

21...Bxa2 22.Rxa7 Qxa7 23.Qxd8+ Kg7 24.h3 Qc5 25.Be4 Re7 26.Ra1 Ra7 Atalik,Suat: '=!'Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'After some careful moves we have an equal position over the board.''

27.Qb8 Qc3 28.Rf1 Ra5 29.Qd8 Be6 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qd8+ ½-½ (31) Loheac Amoun,F (2582)-21.Qc4 (2554) Solingen GER 2004 Telechess CBM 89 [Adriano, CHECK! #535]Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'Ian decided to finish the game a little bit prematurely in my opinion."

[Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'However after'' 31.h4 Ra1 32.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 33.Kh2 Qc3 34.h5 Qc7+ 35.Kh1 gxh5 36.Qxd4 Qxc2 Atalik,Suat: '=' Atalik,Suat: 'Atalik: 'the result does not change!"]

9.d4

[9.0-0 Nd4 10.Ng5 Bc5 11.Kh1 0-0 12.Bh5 Be6 13.Qe1 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Be3 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Qd5 17.Qe1 Nxc2 18.Qxc3 Nxe3 19.Nxh7 0-1 (19) Lau,R (2455)-Winker,M corr-Mkl 1986]

9...Bg4 10.Be3 Qd5

[10...Be7 11.0-0 Nb4]

11.0-0 Be7 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Rxb7 Rab8

14.Rb3 Rxb3 15.axb3 Qe4 16.Qd3 Qxd3 17.Bxd3 Rd8 18.Be4 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nxd4 20.Kf2 f5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Ra1 Ne6 23.Rxa7 Bd4 24.Ra4 c5 25.Rc4 Kf7 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.b4 Rb8 28.Bd5 d3 29.cxd3 Ke7 30.Re4 Kd6 31.Bxe6 c2 32.Re1 Rxb4 33.Rc1 Kxe6 34.Rxc2 h6 35.Ke3 Rh4 36.d4 Kd5 37.Ra2 Rh3 38.Ra6 Rxh2 39.Ra5+ Kd6 40.f4 g5 41.f5 Rh3+ 42.Ke4 Rh4+ 43.Kd3 Rf4 44.Kc4 g4 45.Ra6+ Kd7 46.Rxh6 Rxf5 47.Rg6 Rf4 48.Kc5 Ke7 49.d5 Kf7 50.Re6 g3 51.Re1 Rg4 52.Rg1 g2 53.d6 Ke6 54.Kc6 Rc4+ 55.Kb5 Rd4 56.Kc5 Rd5+ 57.Kc4 Rxd6 58.Rxg2 Kd7 59.Re2 Rc6+ 60.Kd3 Rd6+ 61.Kc3 Re6 62.Rd2+ Rd6 63.Rb2 Rc6+ 64.Kd3 Rd6+ 65.Ke4 1-0 (65) DrNykterstein (3149)-sp1cycaterpillar (2984) Blitz 2021

90 **6.dxc3** Be7

[6...c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 *(7...c4 8.Be2 Bc5 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.b4 Bf2+ 11.Kf1 Be6 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Qa7 14.Qd2 h6 15.Bf4 g5 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 Nc6 18.Nxg5 0-0-0 19.Nf3 d4 20.Re1 d3 21.Bd1 Ne7 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 dxc2 24.Bxc2 Nd5 25.Nd4 Nxc3 26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.Rh4 Rd2+ 28.Ke3 Rxc2 29.Rxc4+ Kb8 30.Kd3 Rxg2 31.Rxc3 Rxg3+ 32.Kc2 Rxc3+ 33.Kxc3 h5 34.Kd4 h4 35.Ke3 h3 36.Rh1 Kc7 37.Kd4 Kc6 38.Rc1+ Kb5 39.Rh1 h2* 0-1 (39) Niksss2023 (2702)-whiteprocess (2561) Blitz 2024*)* 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe1 h6 *(9...Be6 10.Qg3 g6 11.Bh6 Qb6 12.Kh1 c4 13.Be2 Qxb2 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Qxc2 16.Bg4 Nd8 17.Bf6 Rf8 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Rad1 Qe4 20.Rfe1 Qf4 21.Rxd5 Qxg3 22.hxg3 Rd8 23.Bxd8 Nxd8 24.Red1 Nc6 25.Rd7 Nxe5 26.Rxb7 Nd3 27.Rdb1 f5 28.Rxa7* 1-0 (28) Rzayev,B (2716)-MrTactic2008 (2721) Blitz 2021*)* 10.Qg3 g5 11.c4 Be6 12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.b3 Kb8 15.Rad1 Qd7 16.h3 Qc8 17.Be4 Nd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Bc5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.c4 Qc7 22.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Kh2 Rd2 24.Rf6 Rd1 25.Qf2 Qxe5+ 26.g3 Qxe4 0-1 (26) rasulovvugar (2802)-Lord_Maxik (2669) Blitz 2025]

[6...Be6 7.Bf4 Be7 8.Qd2 *(8.Bd3 c5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.h4 Qb6 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Ng5 c4 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Be2 d4 15.Bxc4 dxc3 16.Qxc3 Kb8 17.Bxe6 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxh4 19.Bd7 Rd8 20.e6+ Ka8 21.Bxc6 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Qg1+ 23.Ke2 Qf2+ 24.Kd1 Qf1+ 25.Kd2 Be1+ 26.Ke3 Bxc3* 0-1 (26) The_appleboy (2762)-sotirakis (2583) Blitz 2022*)* 8...c5 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.h4 Qa5 11.Kb1 d4 12.c4 0-0-0 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.b3 h6 15.h5 Nc6 16.Bd3 Rde8 17.Rde1 Nd8 18.Nd2 b6 19.Ne4 Bd7 20.Ng3 Ne6 21.Bd2 Bg5 22.Kc1 Kc7 23.Nf5 Bc6 24.Bxg5 hxg5 25.Nd6 Ref8 26.Be4 f6 27.Bxc6 Kxc6 28.Nf5 Kd7 29.exf6 gxf6 30.g3 Re8 31.h6 Rh7 32.Kd2 Nc7 33.Kd3 Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Ne8 35.Re7+ Rxe7 36.Nxe7 Nd6 37.h7 Nf7 38.Nf5 Ke6 39.Ke4 a6 40.Ng7+ Ke7 41.Kf5 Nh8 42.Nh5 Kf7 43.Nxf6 Kg7 44.Kxg5 Nf7+ 45.Kf5 b5 46.g4 bxc4 47.bxc4 Nd6+ 48.Ke6 Nxc4 49.g5 Ne3 50.g6 Nxc2 51.Ne8+ Kxg6 52.h8Q 1-0 (52) NeverEnough (2762)-WalleceWilliams (2664) Blitz 2022]

[6...Bg4 7.c4 dxc4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8

9.Bxc4 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nc6 11.Bg5+ Be7 12.0-0-0+ Ke8 13.Bf4 g5 14.Bg3 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Bxc7 Rf8 18.Rhe1 Rc8 19.Bg3 Rc6 20.Rd3 Rf5 21.c3 h5 22.h3 a5 23.Kc2 b5 24.Re4 Kf7 25.Kd2 b4 26.c4 a4 27.Ke2 Rfc5 28.b3 axb3 29.axb3 Ra5 30.f4 g4 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.Re5 Rxe5+ 33.fxe5 Ra6 34.Ke3 Ra2 35.Kf4 Rc2 36.Be1 Kg6 37.Kxg4 Re2 38.Bg3 Rc2 39.Rd7 Bc5 40.Rc7 Bd4 41.Rb7 Bc5 42.Rb5 Be7 43.Be1 Rb2 44.Bxb4 Bg5 45.Bc5 Re2 46.Ba7 Re4+ 47.Kf3 Kf5 48.Rb8 Rxe5 49.Bd4 Re1 50.Rb5+ e5 51.Ba7 Rd1 52.c5 Rd3+ 53.Kf2 Rd2+ 54.Ke1 Rc2 55.Rb8 e4 56.Re8 Kg4 57.Rxe4+ Kf3 58.Rc4 Rxc4 59.bxc4 Ke4 60.Bb8 Bf4 61.Bd6 1-0 (61) McManow (2703)-GBHeraklinosK (2791) Blitz 2024]

7.Bd3 Nd7

[7...Be6 8.Nd4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qh5 g6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bxg6 Bc5+ 13.Be3 Bxe3+ 14.Kh1 hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Qh5+ Kg7 17.Qg4+ Qg5 18.Qxe6 Rae8 19.Qd7+ Re7 20.Qxd5 Rxe5 21.Qd3 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Ne7 23.Rf3 Qg6 24.Rxe3 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Re1# 0-1 (25) MajestyOfSwords (2867)-dont_blunder (2785) Blitz 2023]

[7...Bh4+ 8.g3 Be7 9.Bf4 c5 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Kb1 h6 13.Qf2 Qa5 14.Nd2 g5 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 gxf4 18.gxf4 0-0-0 19.Rde1 d4 20.c4 Qe7 21.Qb5 Qb4 22.f5 Bd7 23.e6 fxe6 24.fxe6 Be8 25.e7 Rd6 26.Qf5+ Rd7 27.a3 Qd6 28.Re6 Qc7 29.Qf8 Rxe7 30.Qxh8 Rxe6 31.Bf5 Qd7 32.Qg8 Nd8 33.Rg1 Bf7 34.Qg7 Qe7 35.Qxd4 Kc7 36.Bxe6 Qxe6 37.Rd1 Nc6 38.Qf4+ Kb6 39.b3 Bg6 40.Rd6 Qe1+ 41.Kb2 Be4 42.Re6 Qd1 43.Qxe4 a5 44.Qe3+ Ka6 45.b4 axb4 46.axb4 b6 47.b5+ Ka5 48.Qa3# 1-0 (48) Artusha29 (2810)-Ragned93 (2891) Blitz 2022]

8.0-0 Nc5 9.Nd4 Nxd3 10.cxd3 0-0 11.Qf3 Be6 12.Qg3 Kh8 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.Rf2 c5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Raf1 h6 17.Rf7 Rxf7 18.Rxf7 Rg8 19.Qg6 Qa4 20.Bxh6 Qd1+ 21.Kf2 Qc2+ 22.Kg3 gxh6 23.Rh7# 1-0 (23) MajestyOfSwords (2956)-may6enexttime (3028) Blitz 2023

[91] **6...c5** 7.Bb5+

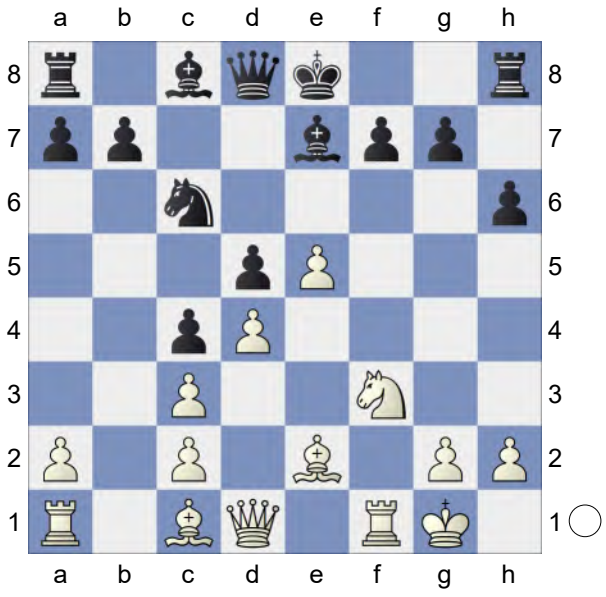
[7.d4 Nc6

A) 8.Bd3

A1) 8...c4 9.Be2

A1a) 9...Be7 10.0-0

A1a1) 10...h6 Diagram



11.Rb1N *(11.Bd2)*

11...Qa5

A1a11) ⌓12.Bd2

A1a111) 12...Be6!?

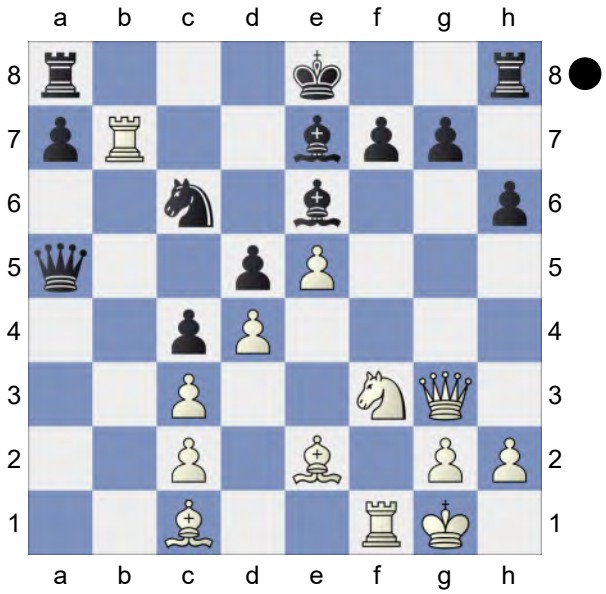
13.Rxb7 0-0 14.h3

(14.Qb1?! Rab8 15.Rxb8 Rxb8 16.Qa1 Rb6 17.Rb1 Ra6 18.Rb2 Ba3 19.Rb1 Bf5 20.Bd1 Be7 21.Rb2 f6!?↑)
14...Rfb8 15.Rxb8+ Rxb8 16.Nh2 Bg5! 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Qd2 Qxa2 19.Nf3 Rb1 20.Nxg5 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Nd8 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Bf3 Nc7 24.Bg4 Qb2 25.Bd7 a5 26.Kf2 Ne6 27.Bc6 Nc7 28.Bd7=;

A1a112) 12...Qxa2 13.Ra1 Qb2 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Ra1 Qb2=;

A1a12) 12.Qe1 Qxa2 13.Rb2 Qa5 14.Qg3 Be6 *(14...g5!? 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.h4 g4 17.Nh2 h5 18.Rxf7 Be6! 19.Rf1 b6 20.Bg5 0-0-0 21.Qe3 Kb7⇄)* 15.Rxb7 Diagram *(15.Qxg7?! 0-0-0 16.Qg3 Qxc3 17.Qf4 Ba3 18.Rb1 Bxc1 19.Rbxc1 Rdg8 20.Rfd1 Rg4 21.Qd2 Qxd2 22.Rxd2 b5-+)*

(Diagram)



15...0-0-0!∓

A1a121) ⌓16.Rb2 Qa1! *(16...Kc7 17.Bd2 Qa4 18.h4 g6∞)* 17.Nd2 Kc7 18.Bh5 g6 19.Bg4 Rb8 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Qxg6 *(22.h4?! g5 23.Qh3 Kd7-+)* 22...Qxc3 23.Qxe6 Qxd4+ 24.Kh1 Qxe5 25.Qxh6 Rh8∓;

A1a122) 16.Rb1 Qxc3 17.Bd2 *(17.Bd1 Kc7∓)* 17...Qxc2 18.Rfc1 Qg6 19.Qe1 Bf5 *(19...Rd7! 20.Rb5 Rb7 21.Rcb1 Rxb5 22.Rxb5 Bd8 23.Be3 Bb6-+)* 20.Rb5 *(20.Ra1 Kb8! 21.Nh4 Bxh4 22.Qxh4 Be4 23.Qf2 Rd7 24.Ra6 Rb7 25.Rca1 Rc8-+)* 20...Be4 21.Be3 Kc7 22.Bf4 Rb8 23.e6+ Bd6 24.Bxd6+ Kxd6

25.Nh4 Qxe6 *(25...Qg5 26.Bxc4 fxe6 27.Qc3 Nxd4-+)* 26.Qg3+ Kd7 27.Rc5 g5 28.Nf3 Rb3 *(28...Rb2-+)* 29.Qf2 Rb2 30.Ne5+ *(30.Re1 Rhb8-+)* 30...Nxe5 31.dxe5 Rhb8 32.Rf1 Rd2 33.Ra1 Ke8 34.Rc7 Rxe2 35.Qc5 Rxg2+ 36.Kf1 Rgb2 37.Raxa7 Bd3+ 0-1 (37) Beerdsen,T (2521)-Ernst,S (2538) Deutschland 156/112 2023 [Arsovic,Goran];

A1a2) 10...0-0 11.Be3 f6 12.Qd2 fxe5 13.dxe5 Be6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 b5 16.Rxf8+ Bxf8 17.a3 a5 18.h3 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Rc1 Ra2 21.Qd1 Qa5 22.Bg4 Qa6 23.Qf3 Bxg4 24.Qxg4 b3 25.cxb3 cxb3 26.Qd7 b2 27.Rb1 Ra1 28.Qxd5+ Kh8 29.Qd8 Rxb1+ 30.Kh2 Qa3 31.d5 Rh1+ 32.Kxh1 b1Q+ 33.Kh2 Qe4 0-1 (33) papasi (2719)-evilreturns (2479) Rapid 2023;

A1b) 9...h6 10.0-0 Be6 11.Qe1 g5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qg3 0-0-0 14.Ne1 Kb8 15.Bh5 Bg7 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Rhxf8 18.Rf6 Rh8 19.Qf2 Rd7 20.Nf3 Ne7 21.Bxf7 Bxf7 22.Rxf7 Ng6 23.Rf6 Nf4 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.g3 Rxf6 26.exf6 Nh3 27.Qf1 g4 28.Ne5 h5 29.f7 Rf8 30.Qf5 a6 31.Nd7+ Ka7 32.Nxf8 Qe7 33.Ne6 Qxe6 34.Qxe6 Nf2+ 35.Kg2 Ne4 36.Qb6+ Ka8 37.f8Q# 1-0 (37) Resha1988 (2759)-sebastien17 (2594) Blitz 2024;

A2) 8...Bg4 9.Rb1 *(9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd1 12.Bb5+ Ke7 13.Ba3+* 1-0 (13) yoseph2013 (2741)-evilhamburger (2714) Blitz 2024*)* 9...Qc7 10.0-0 Be7 11.h3 Bh5 12.Be3 0-0 13.Qe1 Rac8 14.Qg3 Bg6 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 cxd4 17.cxd4 b6 18.Rf2 Qe7 19.Qg3 Qa3 20.Rb3 Qxa2 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.e6 fxe6 23.Qxg6 Qa1+ 24.Kh2 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Rbf3 Rfe8 28.Qf5 Qe5+ 29.Qxe5 Rxe5 30.Rf7 a5 31.Rb7 Rc6 32.Rf8+ Kh7 33.Rff7 Rg5 34.h4 Rg4 35.Kh3 Rgg6 36.h5 Rc3+ 37.Kh2 Rg5 38.Rxb6 Rxc2 39.h6 Rcxg2+ 40.Kh1 Rg1+ 41.Kh2 R5g2+ 42.Kh3 Rg6 43.Rxg7+ Rxg7 44.hxg7 Rg6 45.Ra6 Rxa6 0-1 (45) ProudProcrastinator (2765)-cedchass25 (2583) Blitz 2024;

B) 8.Rb1 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.dxc5 Bxc3 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qd3+ Bf5 15.Qxc3 d4 16.Qc4 Rb8 17.Bb2 d3 18.Rbd1 b5 19.Qc3 Qf6 20.Qb3 Qe7 21.cxd3 Qxc5+ 22.Kh1 Bg4 23.Rc1 Qd6 24.Qc3 1-0 (24) Nadigraj (2794)-afanoffun (2615) Blitz 2023]

[7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Be6 9.d4 h6 10.Rb1 Qc7 11.h3 c4 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.a4 g5 14.Nh2 Be7 15.Bg4 Rdf8

16.Rxf7 Bxg4 17.Rxf8+ Rxf8 18.Qxg4+ Kb8 19.Qe6 Rd8 20.Qxh6 Ka8 21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Qxg5 Qa5 23.e6 Qxc3 24.Nf3 Qxc2 25.Re1 Qh7 26.e7 Re8 27.Qxd5 Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.Qxc4 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 a6 31.h4 Ne7 32.h5 Qf4 33.Qe6 Nf5 34.d5 Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qc1+ 37.Qe1 Qc5+ 38.Kh2 Qxd5 39.Qe5 Qf7 40.g4 Qa2+ 41.Kh3 Nh6 42.Qh8+ Ka7 43.Qxh6 Qf2 44.Qf4 Ka8 45.h6 1-0 (45) Arena_Grand_Master (2711)-Nechto37 (2465) Rapid 2022]

7...Nc6 8.0-0

[8.d4 Be7 *(8...Bg4 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe1 Qb6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qg3 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 cxd4 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Bg5 dxc3+ 16.Kh1 Qc5 17.Rb1 Rd8 18.e6 fxe6 19.Rb7 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Rd7 21.Rb8+* 1-0 (21) GABUZYAN_CHESSMOOD (2723)-Aciboba (2706) Blitz 2020*)* 9.0-0 Be6 10.Qe1 Qa5 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 cxd4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qg3 0-0-0 16.Qxg7 Rdg8 17.Qf7 Re8 18.Rab1 Qa6 19.cxd4 h5 20.Rb3 Rhf8 21.Qxf8 Rxf8 22.Rxf8+ Kc7 23.Rf7+ Kc8 24.Rg3 1-0 (24) Arena_Grand_Master (2745)-Nechto37 (2457) Rapid 2022]

8...h6 9.Qe1 Be6 10.d4 Qb6 11.a4

[11.Rb1 a6 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Ba3 b6 14.Qg3 g5 15.h4 g4 16.Ne1 Qa4 17.Rxb6 Qxa3 18.Rxe6+ fxe6 19.Qxg4 Kd7 20.Rf7+ Be7 21.Nd3 cxd4 22.cxd4 Rac8 23.Nf4 Rc6 24.Nxd5 Re8 25.Nf6+ Kd8 26.Nxe8 Kxe8 27.Qg8+ Kd7 28.Kh2 Rxc2 29.d5 exd5 30.Qg4+ Kd8 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.e6+ Kc7 33.Qg7 Qd6+ 34.Kh3 Qxe6+ 35.Kh2 Kd6 36.Qg3+ Qe5 37.Qxe5+ Kxe5 38.Rxe7+ Kd4 39.Rh7 Ke3 40.Rxh6 d4 41.Re6+ Kd2 42.Rxa6 d3 43.Rd6 Ke3 44.h5 d2 45.Re6+ Kd3 46.Rd6+ Ke2 47.h6 Kd1 48.h7 Rc8 49.Kg3 Rh8 50.Rd7 Kc1 51.Rc7+ 1-0 (51) Lukianoo (2702)-NIndja64 (2809) Blitz 2021]

11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Kh1 Bxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.Ba3 0-0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bd6 Kb7 18.Qa5 Qc4 19.Rfb1+ Ka8 20.Rb4 Qe2 21.Rab1 Bh3 22.Qxd8+ 1-0 (22) Jamorris94 (2796)-anhao (2691) Blitz 2022

6...Be7 7.d4 c5 8.dxc5 0-0 9.Bd3 Bxc5 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.0-0 Qxc3 13.Kh1 Bg4 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Qxg4 Bxe3 17.Rf3 Qxa1+ 0-1 (17) littleplotkin (2756)-SUSAL (2701) Blitz 2021

[92] **9.Ng5**

[9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe1 *(10.a4 Qa5 11.Kh1 c4 12.Be2 0-0 13.Qe1 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bg5 Rg6 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ne5 Rh6 18.Qg3 Nf5 19.Qf3 Qd8 20.Kg1 Qh4 21.Qf4 Qe7 22.Bg4 Rf6 23.Rae1 Nd6 24.Bxe6+ Qxe6 25.Qh4 Raf8 26.Rxf6 Qxf6 27.Qxf6 Rxf6 28.a5 h6 29.h4 g6 30.Kh2 Kg7 31.Ng4 Rf4 32.Kg3 Re4 33.Rb1 Nf5+ 34.Kf3 Nd6 35.g3 Re7 36.Ne3 Rf7+ 37.Kg2 Ne4 38.Nxd5 Rd7 39.Ne3 Nxc3 40.Rb4 Ne2 41.d5 c3 42.Rc4 b5 43.axb6 axb6 44.Kf3 b5 45.Rb4 Nc1 46.Rxb5 Rf7+ 47.Ke4 Ne2 48.d6 Nxg3+ 49.Kd5 Ne2 50.Nc4 Nf4+ 51.Kc6 Ne6 52.Ne5 Nd4+ 53.Kc5 Nxb5 54.Nxf7 Kxf7 55.Kxb5 Ke6 56.Kc6* 1-0 (56) MeneerMandje (2703)-hectorluis2019 (2361) Blitz 2025 *)* 10...c4 *(10...cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.c3 Qd7 13.Qg3 f6 14.exf6*

Bxf6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh7 Qe7 17.Nxf8 Rxf8 18.Bxh6 Nxd4 19.Qg6 1-0 (19) yoseph2013 (2720)-EzhikWTumane (2460) Blitz 2025*)* 11.Be2 Qd7 *(11...0-0 12.Qg3 Kh8 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qd7 15.Qh4 Rae8 16.Rf4 Ne7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qh5 f6 19.Raf1 fxe5 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8 21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.Qxe5 Bg8 23.Bf3 Qa3 24.h4 Qxc3 25.h5 h6 26.Kh2 Qa5 27.Qe8 Qc7+ 28.Kh3 Qf7 29.Qe5 Qe6+ 30.Kg3 Qxe5+ 31.dxe5 Be6 32.Kf4 Kg8 33.Ke3 Kf7 34.Kd4 b5 35.Bxd5 a5 36.a3 Ke7 37.Bxe6 Kxe6 38.c3* 1-0 (38) yoseph2013 (2733)-luisangel1808 (2469) Blitz 2025*)* 12.Qg3 Rg8 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Bh5 Nd8 16.Qf3 1-0 (16) Off-War (2820)-marchy63 (2676) Blitz 2023]

9...cxd4 10.Nxe6

[10.0-0 Bc5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qh5+ Kd7 13.Rb1 dxc3+ 14.Kh1 Bb6 15.Rf7+ Kc8 16.Ba3 Nd4 17.Rxg7 Qe8 18.Qg4 Nc6 19.Bd6 1-0 (19) dudewithabigflute (2831)-Chesstomioka (2583) Blitz 2021]

10...fxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.0-0 dxc3 13.Rf7+ Be7 14.Bg5 g6 15.Qh4 Ke8 16.Raf1 Bxg5 17.Qxh7 Rxh7 18.Rxh7 Be3+ 19.Kh1 Ne7 20.Rff7 Kd7 21.Bxg6 Qg8 22.Bd3 Qxh7 23.Bb5+ Kc7 24.Rxh7 Rf8 25.Rxe7+ Kd8 26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Bc6 Rf8 28.Bxb7 Rf1# 0-1 (28) Fandelasancha (3278)-kazajastano (3573) Blitz 2023

[93] **5...Qh4+** Schussler: 'is known to be poor in view of' 6.g3 Nxg3 7.Nf3 Qh5 8.Nxd5 Schussler: '!' 8...Nxh1

[8...Na6 9.Nf4 Qg4 *(9...Qh6 10.Ne2 Qc6 11.Nxg3 Bg4 12.Be2 Nb4 13.c3 Nd5 14.h3 Bd7 15.d4 0-0-0 16.Qd3 h5 17.Bd2 h4 18.Ne4 Be7 19.a3 Kb8 20.Nf2 g6 21.0-0-0 a6 22.Qc4 Qe6 23.Qd3 Qc6 24.Qc2 Nb6 25.c4 Bf5 26.Qb3 Qe6 27.d5 Nxd5 28.cxd5 Rxd5 29.Bc3 Rxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Qc6 31.Nd4 Qg2 32.Bf3 Qxf2 33.Qxb7#* 1-0 (33) Howell,D (2658)-Batsuren,D (2504) chess.com INT 2021*)* 10.Rg1 Nxf1 11.Rxg4 Bxg4 12.Kxf1 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Nc5 14.Qg2 h5 15.Ng5 Rd7 16.h3 Bf5 17.Be3 Ne6 18.Ngxe6 fxe6 19.Ng6 Rg8 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.Kg1 h4 22.Rf1 a6 23.Qg5 Rh8 24.Kg2 Rf7 25.Rf2 g6 26.Qf4 Rh5 27.Kh2 g5 28.Qf3 Rhh7 29.Bxg5 Bxh3 30.Qxf7 Rxf7 31.Rxf7 1-0 (31) ghazaryan333 (2701)-INDIAN-ELEPHANT (2677) Blitz 2022]

9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Be7

[10...Bg4 11.Bg2 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qh4+ 13.Kf1 Bc5 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Bxh1 Kd7 16.Qd5+ Ke7 1-0 (16) ikica77 (2706)-abighiffari (2571) Blitz 2023]

11.Bg2 Bh4+ 12.Kf1 Nf2

[12...Nc6 13.Be3 Bg4 14.d4 Nf2 15.Bxf2 Bxf2 16.Kxf2 Kc8 17.c3 f6 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Kg1 Kb8 20.Qf1 Rg8 21.Kh1 Ne7 22.Nd2 Nf5 23.Qf4+ Kxa8 24.Re1 Bh3 25.Bf3 Re8 26.Rg1 Qf7 27.Ne4 Qe7 28.b4 h5 29.Bxh5 Rh8 30.Bf3 Nh4 31.Qxh4 1-0 (31) Kujala,A (2632)-Kankkunen,E]

13.Qe2 Bg4 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Nh1 17.Qe3 Nxg3+ 18.Kf2 Nf5 19.Qe4 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Qh4+ 21.Qxh4+ Nxh4 22.Be4 Kd7 23.Rf1 Rxa8 24.Kg3 Nxe5 25.Kxh4 Ke6 26.Bxb7 Rb8 27.Be4 Rxb2 28.d4 Ng6+ 29.Kg4 Rxa2 30.c4 Rd2

31.Bd5+ Kd6 32.Rxf7 Rxd4+ 33.Kg5 Ne5 34.Rxa7 Rg4+ 35.Kf5 g6+ 36.Kf6 Rf4+ 37.Kg7 h5 38.Ra8 h4 39.Rd8+ Kc5 40.Rh8 g5 41.Rh5 Rf5 42.Kh6 Nxc4 43.Be6 Rf6+ 44.Kxg5 Rxe6 45.Rxh4 Ne5 46.Kf5 Re8 47.Ra4 Nc4 48.Ra1 Rf8+ 49.Ke6 Rf2 50.Rc1 Re2+ 51.Kf5 Kd4 52.Rh1 Re5+ 53.Kf6 Nd6 54.Rh4+ Ne4+ 55.Kf7 Kd5 56.Rh1 Nd6+ 57.Kf8 Rg5 58.Rd1+ Kc6 59.Rc1+ Kd7 60.Re1 Rf5+ 61.Kg7 Rf2 62.Ra1 Ke6 63.Re1+ Kf5 64.Rd1 Ne4 65.Ra1 Ke6 66.Ra6+ Nd6 67.Ra1 Rg2+ 68.Kh6 Nf7+ 69.Kh5 Ne5 70.Ra6+ Kf5 71.Kh4 Ng6+ 72.Kh3 Nf4+ 73.Kh4 Rg4# 0-1 (73) Sissy13yoKid (2893)-Bardiya___Daneshvar (2869) Blitz 2021

5...Ng5 6.d4 c6 7.h4 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.c3 Be7 10.g3 h5 11.Bg2 Bg4 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.Bxe4 0-0 14.Bf4 Na6 15.Nf3 b5 16.0-0 Nc7 17.Ng5 Nd5 18.Qc2 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 a5 20.Rae1 a4 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bf5 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Qe6 24.Bf6 Nxf6 25.Ref1 Nh7 26.Rxh5 Qg6 27.Rhf5 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 f6 30.Re1 fxe5 31.Rfxe5 Nf6 32.Re6 a3 33.b3 Rad8 34.Rxc6 b4 35.cxb4 Rxd4 36.Rc4 Rxc4 37.bxc4 Re8 38.Rxe8+ Nxe8 39.b5 Kg8 40.b6 Nd6 41.c5 1-0 (41) Medarde94 (2807)-kuzuboslugu (2658) Blitz 2022

5...Bb4 6.dxe4 Qh4+ 7.Ke2 Bxc3 ChessBase II: '⩲'

[7...Nc6?N 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Nxd5 0-0-0 10.c3 f5? 11.exf6 Rhe8 12.cxb4 Rxe4+ 13.Be3 Nd4+ 14.Qxd4 Rxd4 15.Ne7+ Kb8 16.Nf5 Bxf3+ 17.gxf3 Rd2+ *(17...Qxf6)* 18.Bxd2 Qc4+ 19.Ke1 Qd5 20.Bc3 Qxf5 21.Kf2 gxf6 22.Re1 a6 23.Bg2 Rg8 24.Re4 Qg6 25.Rg4 Qc2+ 26.Kg3 Re8 27.Bxf6 h5 28.Rg7 Qf5 29.Bc3 Rf8 30.Re1 Qf4+ 31.Kf2 Qxh2 32.Rh1 Qd6 33.Rxh5 Re8 34.Rh4 Qd1 35.Re4 Qc2+ 36.Kg3 Rxe4 37.fxe4 Qd3+ 38.Bf3 Qf1 39.Bd4 Qc4 40.Be5 1-0 (40) Shvidler,E (2420)-Mercier,J (2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]

8.bxc3 Bg4+ 9.Nf3 dxe4 10.Qd4 ChessBase II: '!' 10...Bh5

[10...exf3+ 11.gxf3 Bxf3+ 12.Kxf3 Qh5+ 13.Qg4]

11.Ke3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qe1+ 13.Kf4 Qh4+ 14.Ke3 Qe1+ ChessBase II: '½-½ (14) Nunn,J (2590)-Short,N (2615) Krefeld 1986' 15.Kf4 ½-½ (15) Mamedyarov,S (2646)-Harikrishna,P (2645) Lausanne SUI 2005

[94] **6...Be7** 7.Nf3

[7.d4 c5 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 c4 10.Be2 Bf5 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Qd2 Qd7 14.Bd1 Rac8 15.Qe1 Rc6 16.h4 Na4 17.e6 Rxe6 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.Rxf5 f6 20.Bg4 Re8 21.Rh5 Rxe5 22.dxe5 Bc5+ 23.Kh1 g6 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bf4 gxh5 26.exf6 1-0 (26) Ballon,G (2451)-Auth,L]

7...0-0

[7...c5 8.Bf4 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe1 Bf5 13.Rb1 b6 14.Qg3 Qd5 15.Nh4 Bxh4 16.Qxh4 Qxa2 17.Bf3 Rac8 18.Qg5 Bg6 19.h4 h6 20.Qg3 Ne7 21.Bg4 Rxc2 22.Ra1 Qb3 23.Rxa7 Nd5 24.Bxh6 Qxd3 25.Rf3 Qd1+ 26.Kh2 Qb1 27.Bf5 Ne3 28.Bxe3 dxe3 29.Bxg6 Rc1 30.Bxb1 Rxb1 31.Rfxf7 Rxf7 32.Rxf7 Kxf7 33.Qf3+ Ke7 34.Qxe3 Rb4 35.Qg5+ Ke6 36.Qg6+ Kd5 37.Qxg7 Rxh4+

38.Kg3 Re4 39.Qd7+ Kxe5 40.Qb7 Kd4 0-1 (40) kaumandur01 (2780)-racer478 (2735) Blitz 2023]

[7...Bg4 8.d4 Qd7 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 c4 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.Bxg4 Qe7 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Qf3 0-0 16.e6 f5 17.Qxd5 Ne7 18.Qe5 Qxg4 19.d5 Ng6 20.Qc7 f4 21.Qxc4 Rac8 22.Qe4 Qg5 23.d6 Qc5+ 24.Qd4 Qg5 25.e7 Nxe7 26.dxe7 Qxe7 27.Rxf4 Rxf4 28.Qxf4 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Qxc3 30.Rf1 h6 31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Qxb7 a5 33.h3 Qxc2 34.Qd7 Qc4 35.Rf2 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qc7+ 37.Qxc7 Rxc7 38.Rf5 a4 39.Ra5 Rc4 40.Kg3 Rb4 41.Kf3 Kh7 42.g4 Kg6 43.h4 Kh7 44.h5 Kg8 45.Kg3 Kf7 46.Kh4 Kf6 47.a3 Rc4 48.Ra6+ Ke5 49.Ra7 Kf6 50.Ra6+ Kf7 51.Ra7+ Kf8 52.Ra8+ Kf7 53.Ra7+ Kg8 54.Ra8+ Kh7 55.Ra7 Rd4 56.Ra6 Re4 57.Ra5 g5+ 58.hxg6+ Kxg6 59.Ra6+ Kg7 60.Ra5 Rc4 61.Kh5 Rc3 62.Rxa4 Rh3# 0-1 (62) yoseph2013 (2707)-Managing_Cat (2437) Blitz 2024]

8.d4

[8.Be2 f6 9.exf6 *(9.0-0 fxe5 10.Nxe5 Nd7; 9.d4 fxe5 10.dxe5 Bh4+ 11.g3 Be7 12.h3 c5 13.Bf4 Bf5 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Rd1 Be4 16.0-0 Qd7 17.Kh2 Qe6 18.Rde1 h6 19.h4 Rf7 20.Bd1 Raf8 21.h5 Rf5 22.c4 Rxh5+ 23.Nh4 Rxh4+ 24.gxh4 Bxh4 25.Re3 g5 26.Rh3 Nxe5 27.cxd5 Ng4+ 28.Kg1 Bxd5 29.Be3 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Qf5+ 31.Kg1 Nf2 32.Rxh4 Nxd1 33.Rxh6 Qg4+ 34.Kf1 Nxe3+ 35.Qxe3 Qd1+ 36.Qe1 Qf3+* ½-½ (36) Pfretzschner,R (2543)-Petzold Joachim (2322)*)* 9...Bxf6 10.d4 Bh4+ 11.g3 Be7 12.0-0 Bh3 13.Rf2 Nd7 14.Bf1 *(14.Bf4 Nf6 15.Ng5 Bd7)* 14...Bxf1 15.Rxf1 Nf6 16.Qd3]

8...f6 9.Bd3 Nc6

[9...fxe5 10.Nxe5 Qe8 11.Qe2 Nd7 *(11...Bd6 12.c4 Nc6 13.Bb2 Bb4+ 14.c3 Bd6 15.Nxc6 Bg4 16.Qxe8 Raxe8+ 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5+ 19.Kd2 Rf2+ 20.Kc1 Re3 21.Bc2 dxc4 22.a3 Rxg2 23.h3 Bxh3 24.a4 h5 25.a5 h4 26.Ra4 Be6 27.Rxh4 Re1+* 0-1 (27) Molchanov Valentin Fedorovich (2546)-Kohan,J *)*]

10.0-0 fxe5

[10...Bg4 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Qe1 Qd6 13.Be3 Rae8 14.Qd2 Ne7 *(14...Qd8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Bh4 17.Raf1 Rxf3 18.Rxf3 Rf8 19.Bf4 Ne7 20.Qe3 Qd7 21.c4 c6 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Bc4 Kh8 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Bg5 Rxf3* 0-1 (25) yoseph2013 (2723)-harsha15 (2685) Blitz 2024*)* 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.Ne5 Bf5 17.Rae1 c6 18.Bg3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Ng6 21.Bg3 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Qg5 23.Kh1 h5 24.Bd6 Nh4 25.Qh3 Qg4 26.Qxg4 hxg4 27.Bg3 Ng6 28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 Kf7 30.Kg1 Ke6 31.Kf2 Kf5 32.Ke3 Nf4 33.Kf2 b5 34.Bd2 Ne6 35.Kg3 Ng5 36.Bxg5 Kxg5 37.Kf2 Kf4 38.Ke2 Ke4 39.Kd2 a5 40.a3 b4 41.cxb4 axb4 42.axb4 Kxd4 43.c3+ Kc4 44.Kc2 g6 45.h3 gxh3 46.gxh3 g5 47.Kd2 d4 48.cxd4 Kxd4 49.Ke2 Kc4 50.Kf3 Kxb4 51.Kg4 c5 52.Kxg5 c4 53.h4 c3 54.h5 c2 55.h6 c1Q+ 56.Kg6 Qc2+ 57.Kg7 Qg2+ 58.Kh8 Qa8+ 59.Kg7 Qb7+ 60.Kh8 Qc8+ 61.Kg7 Qd7+ 62.Kg8 Qe8+ 63.Kg7 Qe7+ 64.Kg8 Qg5+ 65.Kf7 0-1 (65) yoseph2013 (2734)-harsha15 (2705) Blitz 2024]

11.dxe5 Bg4 12.Be2
[12.Rb1 Nxe5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 Rxf3 16.Qxf3 b6 17.Bf4 Bf6 18.Bxc7 Qd7 19.Rd1 Rc8 20.Bg3 Rxc3 21.Rxd5 Rxf3 22.Rxd7 Ra3 23.Bb8 a6 24.c4 Rxa2 25.Bc7 Rb2 26.g4 a5 27.g5 Bxg5 28.Be5 Rb1+ 29.Kg2 Bf6 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Rb7 a4 32.c5 a3 33.c6 a2 34.c7 Rc1 35.Ra7 Rxc7 36.Rxa2 Kg7 37.Kf3 b5 38.Rb2 Rb7 39.Rb4 Kg6 40.Kf4 h5 41.h3 Rb6 42.h4 Rb8 43.Ke4 Re8+ 44.Kf4 Re5 45.Rb1 Rc5 46.Rg1+ Kf7 47.Rb1 Ke6 48.Re1+ Re5 49.Rb1 Kd6 50.Rd1+ Rd5 51.Rb1 Kc6 52.Rc1+ Kb6 53.Re1 Rd4+ 54.Kg3 Rg4+ 55.Kh3 Rc4 56.Re8 b4 57.Rh8 Rc7 58.Rh6 b3 59.Rxf6+ Kb5 60.Rf1 Kb4 61.Kg3 Rc4 62.Rf2 Ka3 63.Rf3 Ka2 64.Rf8 b2 65.Rf1 b1Q 0-1 (65) Rzayev,B (2739)-ma_long_ma (2737) Blitz 2021]
[12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Qg3 Rae8 14.Kh1 Bf5 15.Bh6 Bc5 16.Nd4 Bxd3 17.Rxf8+ Rxf8 18.e6 Qe7 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.cxd3 Bd6 21.Qg4 Be5 22.d4 Bf6 23.Re1 Re8 24.h3 c5 25.Re3 cxd4 26.cxd4 Qb4 27.Qh5 Qb1+ 28.Kh2 Qg6 29.Qxd5 Qxh6 30.e7+ Kh8 31.Qf7 Qg6 32.Qf8+ 1-0 (32) yoseph2013 (2722)-Hayk_Yeritsyann (2600) Blitz 2021]
12...Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Kh8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Bh4 Be4 18.Bg3 Rae8 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nd2 e3 22.Nf3 Rd8 23.Qe2 Qe6 24.Ng5 Qd5+ 25.Kh2 h6 26.Rfd1 Qg8 27.Nf3 Qf7 28.Nh4 Kg8 29.Nf5 Qe6 30.Qb5 Bb6 31.Rd3 Rxd3 32.cxd3 g6 33.Nxh6+ Kg7 34.g5 Rf3 35.d4 Ne7 36.Rf1 Rxf1 37.Qxf1 Qxa2+ 38.Kg1 Qd5 39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.Qxe7+ Kh8 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qe7+ Kh8 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.e6 Qxg5 45.Qf7+ Kxh6 46.Kh2 e2 47.Qf8+ Kh5 48.Qh8+ Qh6 49.Qe5+ Qg5 50.Qxe2+ Kh6 51.e7 Bxd4 52.e8Q 1-0 (52) Sissy13yoKid (2882)-W8W8W8W8W8 (2791) Blitz 2021
Schussler: 'I prefer this to the more common' **6...Nc6**

[95] **8.d4** Qd5
[8...Be6 9.Be2 *(9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be4 Bd5 12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.Qd3 0-0-0 14.Be3 f6 15.Qxc3 Rhe8 16.Rab1 fxe5 17.dxe5 Qxa2 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qa3 20.Rb3 Qa4 21.Bf2 Rd5 22.Ra1 Qd7 23.Re1 Rd1 24.Rb1 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 b6 26.Re1 Bg5 27.Bg3 Re6 28.Qf3 Kb8 29.Rd1 Qe7 30.c3 g6 31.h3 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 Qc6 33.Qf7 Re7 34.Qf8+ Kb7 35.h4 Re8 36.Qf7 Re7 37.Qf8 Re8 ½-½ (37) Toth,G (2447)-Costa,F (2351) ICCF Email 2000)* 9...Nc6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 *(11.a3 Qd5 12.Qd3 0-0-0 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qb5 h6 15.Rfb1 Qxb5 16.Bxb5 Na5 17.a4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Bf2 a5 20.Re1 g5 21.Re3 Bb4 22.h3 Rhg8 23.g4 h5 24.Kg2 hxg4 25.hxg4 Bd5 26.Kg3 Bc6 27.Re2 Rdf8 28.Re3 f6 29.Be1 Bxf3 30.Rxf3 fxe5 31.dxe5 Rxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rf8+ 33.Kg2 Rf4 34.Kg3 Re4 35.Kf3 Rf4+ 36.Kg3 Kd7 37.Bf2 Be7 38.Rd1+ Ke6 39.Bd4 c5 40.Bxc3 Rxa4 41.Rb1 Ra3* 0-1 (41) Miciak,E (2410)-Pales,D (2045) Slovakia 1996*)* 11...0-0 12.Qe1 Nb4 13.Qxc3 Nd5 14.Qd2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 c5 16.c3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Kh1 Qa5 19.Bd3 Rc3 20.Qe4 g6 21.Qxb7 Bd8

22.Be4 Bb6 23.Qe7 1-0 (23) Howell, D (2650)-Kujawski,A (2246) chess.com INT 2022]
9.Rb1 Nc6 10.Bd3 Nb4 11.a3 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3 b6 13.Qxc3 Ba6 14.Kf2 0-0-0 15.a4 Re8 16.a5 Re6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Qb3 Bc4 19.Qa4 b5 20.Qa5 Be7 21.Re1 Kd7 22.Ra1 Rc8 23.Kg1 Rg6 24.Kh1 Ke8 25.Ba3 Ra8 26.Qc3 Bd8 27.h3 Qe6 28.Re3 Kd7 29.Bb4 Rxa1+ 30.Qxa1 Qd5 31.Be1 Be7 32.Kh2 Kc8 33.Bh4 Bf8 34.Bg3 Qb7 35.Qd1 Bd5 36.Qd3 Qc6 37.e6 Bd6 38.Ne5 Bxe5 39.Rxe5 Rxe6 40.Rxe6 fxe6 41.Qe2 Kb7 42.Be5 Kb6 43.Qd2 g6 44.c3 Qc4 45.Bf4 Qf1 46.Kg3 h5 47.Be3 Ka7 48.Bh6 Kb6 49.Bg5 Be4 50.Be3 Kb7 51.Kh2 Qc4 52.g4 Kc6 53.Kg3 Qf1 54.Kh4 Bg2 55.Qa2 Kd6 56.Kg5 Bxh3 57.Bf4+ Kd7 58.Bxc7 Kxc7 59.Qa7+ Kd8 60.Qb8+ Kd7 61.Qa7+ ½-½ (61) Komododragon (3568)-Lczero Dag Bord Lf (3589) tcec-chess.com INT 2022

[96] **8...Be7** 9.0-0 Be6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.a3 Qd5 12.d4 f6 13.Qd3 Qa5 14.Qe4 0-0-0 15.Rfb1 f5 16.Qf4 g5 17.Nxg5 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Rxd4 19.Qf3 Bxg5 20.Rb5 Qa6 21.Rab1 Re4 22.Bf1 Be3+ 23.Kh1 Rf4 0-1 (23) Nagy Dr Robert (2460)-Katona,A (2364)
9.0-0 Nc6 10.Kh1
[10.d4 Be6 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 Qa5 13.Bd3 h6 14.a4 g5 15.h3 Rg8 16.Be4 g4 17.hxg4 Rxg4 18.Bf2 Be7 19.Qe2 Rdg8 20.Nh2 Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Qd5 22.Rae1 Nb4 23.Nf3 Qxe4 24.Rxe4 Nxc2 25.Rc1 Bd5 26.Rf4 Bb3 27.Rb1 Be6 28.Rc1 Nb4 29.Re4 Nd5 30.Be1 Bf5 31.Re2 Nf4 32.Ra2 Be6 33.Rf2 Nh3+ 34.Kh2 Nxf2 35.Bxf2 Bb4 36.Be1 a5 37.Bxc3 Rg4 38.Kg1 Bd5 39.Kf2 h5 40.Ba1 h4 41.Rh1 Be7 42.Bc3 b6 43.Rb1 h3 44.g3 Rg6 45.Bd2 Rc6 46.Rb5 Bc4 47.Rb2 Be6 48.Kg1 Rc4 49.Bg5 Ba3 50.Rf2 Rxa4 51.Bh4 Bc1 52.Kh2 b5 53.g4 Be3 54.Rb2 b4 55.Kxh3 Ra3 56.Bg3 Rd3 57.Kh4 b3 58.d5 Bxd5 59.e6 Bxe6 60.Be5 a4 61.Re2 Bc5 62.Ng5 Be7 63.Bb2 Rd5 64.Kg3 Rxg5 65.Rf2 Rxg4+ 66.Kf3 a3 67.Be5 Rb4 68.Rb2 axb2 69.Bxb2 Bc5 70.Kg3 Bd4 71.Ba3 b2 72.Bxb2 Rxb2 73.Kf4 Rb3 74.Ke4 c5 75.Kf4 Bf6 76.Ke4 Bg5 77.Ke5 Kc7 78.Ke4 Re3# 0-1 (78) FrozenightEngine (2706)-Mate-AI (2849) Rapid 2022]
10...Be6 11.Ng5 Nd4 12.Bg4 Bc5 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Qg4 h5 15.Qa4+ Qc6 16.Qb3 0-0-0 17.Qxc3 Qd5 18.Nf3 Rhe8 19.Qa5 Bd4 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.Bb2 Nxc2 23.Rac1 Nb4 24.Rxf7 c5 25.Rb1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Kxd7 27.d4 c4 28.Ba1 a5 29.a3 Nd5 30.Rxb7+ Ke6 31.Kg1 Rf8 32.Rb5 c3 33.Rxd5 Kxd5 34.Bxc3 Ra8 35.Kf2 Kc4 36.Be1 Kxd4 37.e6 Re8 38.Bxa5 Rxe6 39.Bd8 Rd6 40.Be7 Rd7 41.Bb4 Kd3 42.g4 h4 43.Kf3 Rf7+ 44.Kg2 Ke2 45.Bc5 Rf3 46.h3 Rg3+ 47.Kh2 Kf3 48.Bd6 Rg2+ 49.Kh1 Rd2 50.Be5 g5 51.Bc7 Rd7 52.Bb8 Rf7 53.Be5 Rd7 54.Bc3 Kg3 55.Be5+ Kxh3 56.Kg1 Rd3 57.Bb2 Kxg4 58.Kf1 Kf3 59.Ke1 Rxa3 0-1 Lczero Dag Bord Lf-Komododragon/TCEC 23 Premier 2022